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TALKS ON FAMINE RELIEF TO BE HELD IN PEKING

Soviet troops reported in Kweilin

An unconfirmed vernacular report in Kweilin said that some 1,000 Soviet troops had arrived at Kweilin in Kwang-shi.

The "New Life Evening Post", publishing the report, said that the troops are to assist the Chinese Communists in the invasion of Hainan Island.

This is the first time that the presence of Russian troops in Kweilin has been reported.

Representatives of foreign organisations invited

REPLY TO HK APPROACH

The Shanghai branch of the National Christian Council informed Hong Kong Church and international welfare organisations that representatives of foreign Christian organisations have been invited by Peking to attend famine relief talks in Peking on April 20.

The message, which was in reply to previous telegraphic inquiries to Peking and Shanghai, did not indicate whether European representatives of foreign organisations were invited.

However, a high church official in Hong Kong said yesterday that he was certain that the invitations would include some European representatives already in Shanghai and Peking.

Malayan 'war cabinet' formed

Kuala Lumpur, April 17.

Britain's new Director of Operations against the guerrillas in Malaya, Lieutenant General Sir Harold Rawdon Briggs, today announced the formation of a Malayan "War Cabinet", which he claimed would strike at the roots of Communism in Malaya.

General Briggs, who arrived in the Federation capital on April 16, denied widespread criticism that he had insufficient power over the police, Army, Air Force and Navy to meet the emergency terrorist situation.

He said: "I am at complete liberty to order anything I require, subject to the Federation High Commissioner, Sir Henry Gurney."

He said that there was no immediate plan to call in more troops or order martial law.

General Briggs was addressing foreign correspondents and editors from all parts of Malaya. He said his "War Cabinet" was fully agreed on a policy against an estimated 3,000 to 5,000 terrorists now active throughout the Federation.

The "War Cabinet" was now working out detailed plans. It hoped to clear areas of terrorists, move in administration to stabilise these areas, then move troops on to other areas.

General Briggs said he would not commit himself to how long it would take to end the emergency.

Tanker loaded with aviation petrol burns in Singapore harbour

Fire killed two Indonesians when an explosion last night set the British tanker, Lingula, loaded with a million gallons of aviation petrol, ablaze at Pulau Samboe Island.

Ten men were seriously hurt and 10 sailors from the 6,445-ton ship were missing this morning, but some of these, it was thought, might be on shore leave.

This is the first time that foreign representatives have been invited by Peking to participate in famine relief discussions.

The invitations, which were apparently issued late last week, came shortly before a 4,000 word analysis by the "Vice-Premier, Chen Yun on the famine situation, which he said affected 40-50,000,000 Chinese.

Chen's statement contradicted semi-official Communist claims that the famine was seriously affecting China, though Chen still maintained that the People's Government had a grain surplus of more than 4,000,000 tons.

Whether the participation of foreign representatives in the conference means that the Peking Government would favourably consider the possibility of accepting aid from Western Nations, or not, is not known here.

Famine said intensifying

However, Chinese reports indicate that in the North Central, North East and Yangtze River area the famine is intensifying.

Unconfirmed reports state that several million Chinese in the North Central provinces are existing on the traditional famine diet of mud mixed with tree bark and roots.

Other reports state that famished peasants are killing work animals for food, and are exhausting reserves of seed stock needed for the spring planting.

There have been unconfirmed reports of peasant bands in Anhwei province resorting to cannibalism.

The Vice-Premier's analysis leaves it clear that the famine is very serious—comparable to the 1878 and 1931 famines—which were the most severe in China's history.

Estimates of the number of people likely to die within the next three months if no immediate aid is given, vary from 6,000,000 to 15,000,000.

One Western representative said yesterday: "All we can do now is to hope and pray that Peking accepts foreign aid, if it is necessary, and listens to the voices of millions of starving people."

Demonstration in Macassar



Carrying blunt bamboo spears, symbols of revolution, students march in a demonstration in Macassar, East Indonesia. The demonstrators demanded dissolution of the formerly Dutch-sponsored state of East Indonesia and affiliation with the infant Republic of the United States of Indonesia. The banner reads: "Dissolve East Indonesia—make it republican." The East Indonesian Government recently banned a counter demonstration when violence threatened. (A.P. Photo).

Cabinet gets budget preview

London, April 17.

Sir Stafford Cripps was this afternoon giving the Cabinet a preview of tomorrow's budget—which may decide how long the Labour Government can cling to office with its precarious four-man majority in Parliament.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has been working for 10 days on the greatest problem of his career—how to present a budget that will stem the hostility of over 5,000,000 trade unionists to the official wage-freeze, keystone of British recovery plans.

To maintain the economic progress of the past year, he had shun spectacular budget concessions—and at the same time avoid a fresh austerity blizzard that would produce a revolution of feeling against Labour if there were an early election.

Sir Stafford Cripps has to decide also how far the Government is prepared to risk being brought down on the budget by the almost evenly-matched Conservative opposition in the stalemate Parliament.

Tory challenge

Mr. Winston Churchill and his followers have made no secret of the fact that they will if necessary challenge the budget stage by stage.

A defeat on the budget would mean the Government's resignation and a fresh election.

If Sir Stafford's proposals contain no easing of the cost of living—and fresh assaults on the pockets of big business—they will draw the full fire of the opposition.

But what is more important, a refusal to make cost of living concessions will make it practically impossible for Labour to contain any longer the widespread industrial demands for wage-increases.—Reuter.

Big Hainan invasion fleet repulsed

Haihow, April 17.

An invasion fleet numbering 260 junks was repulsed near Linkao last night, it was learned here today.

Thousands of the invaders were killed and hundreds captured. Fifty of the junks were sunk.

The invaders were estimated to number 15,000 men. Mopping up is continuing.

More Nationalist warships arrived at Haihow from Taiwan yesterday.

According to a recent letter to Governor, Chon Chi-ting from Deputy Governor Yee Han-mou, who is now in Taipei, the Central Government has promised to rush all necessary means and efforts to reinforce the defence of Hainan.

As the heavy fog gradually disappeared, Nationalist warplanes and gunboats have begun offensive actions against Communist forces concentrated in the Luichow peninsula. They sank three Communist motor junks last night along the Luichow coast. More than 1,000 local guerrillas were reported to have been captured by the Nationalists at Wangtsou. Among them there were some landing forces from Luichow. Wangtsou is a mountain district between Tingan and Kingshan, previously used by the local guerrillas as one of their strongholds on Hainan.

Tanks for Ho Chi-minh

Nationalist Press reports alleged today that a large number of Soviet-built tanks were being transported by the Chinese Communists to the border of Indo-China for transfer to Ho Chi Minh's forces, said Associated Press in a despatch from Taipei.

The tanks, the reports said, were being shipped through China by rail, a big consignment already having passed Shanghai in transit.

Reports from different sources, meanwhile, continued to speak of intensive Communist preparations for invasion of Hainan.

The Reds were stated to be commandeering all kinds of craft from wooden junks to ocean-going ships, for the coming attack.

Luichow Peninsula, opposite Hainan Island, was portrayed as a hive of military activity, with Russian advisers in a prominent role.

Date set for SE Asia conference

Manila, April 17.

President Elpidio Quirino has set May 26 as the date for opening a three-day "organisational conference" of South East Asia and Western Pacific nations at Baguio.

The President said that approximately 150 delegates and other personnel are expected for the conference which will be the first international meeting ever held under the auspices of the Republic of the Philippines.

No further details of the scope of the conference were made public. The United Nations General Assembly President, Mr. Carlos P. Romulo, is flying back to Lake Success tomorrow with instructions to make further contacts with interested nations on the general scope of the problems to be considered.

Officially proposed a year ago by President Quirino as a "South East Asia Union" to resist Communist aggression, the aims of the proposed conference have been undergoing various changes.

Nationalist China's President Chiang Kai-shek and Dr. Syngman Rhee, President of the Republic of South Korea, first answered President Quirino's call with positive proposals for a military alliance. After Chiang fled to Taiwan and the United States published its White Paper on China, President Quirino later began talking of a "cultural, economic and political union of non-Communist nations." At one point, he said the Philippines was not interested in the anti-Communist movement.

Later, after the Australian External Affairs Minister, Mr. Percy Spender, said that a Pacific counter-part of the Alliance Pact is needed to halt "Imperialist Communism," President Quirino let the door open for such matters to be discussed at Baguio.—Associated Press.

Allen not contacting KMT officials

Taipei, April 17.

Mr. D. F. Allen, the Far Eastern representative of the British Ministry of Transport, told Reuter he had not contacted any Chinese Nationalist officials in Taiwan.

Regarding the question of British ships being held by the Nationalists—the Caducus and the Ethel Moller—Mr. Allen said: "I only discuss shipping matters with the Consulate and therefore will not bring up the matter with the Nationalist authorities."

Mr. Allen said his visit to Taipei was of a routine nature. It is understood that the British Consulate is the official channel dealing with the Taiwan Provincial Government on British shipping interests.—Reuter.

U.S. VOLUNTEERS FOR TAIWAN

Washington, April 16.

Mr. Joseph K. First Secretary of the Chinese Embassy today described the report from Taiwan that 4,000 Americans have volunteered for military service with the Chinese Nationalists as "substantially correct." He said most of the applicants were veterans or "people who just want to fight Communism."—United Press.

SHOOTING IN MACASSAR

Jakarta, April 17.

Sporadic shooting broke the watchful silence in Macassar last night as the populace waited for the promised offensive by USI federal troops to oust East Indonesian rebels.

No casualties were reported. The outlaw forces of Captain Abdul Aziz, who have held this port city in the Celebes for nearly two weeks, have restricted their armed patrols. State police are standing guard over Government buildings and other key points.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

At 0000 GMT (4 p.m. HKT) a weak anti-cyclone covers the Pacific East of the Loochoos and a shallow depression is moving Eastwards across Korea. Pressure is low over Northern India-China.

Today's Forecast—Light variable or SE winds. Unsettled with rain. Many conditions and much fog at first but slowly improving during the day.

Tomorrow's Weather—Mainly clear, 15-25 deg. F. Breeze from SE. Wind 10-15 mph. Rainfall 0.5 mm. Humidity 70-80%.

10-day Forecast—A cold wave is approaching from the North. Wind 10-20 mph. Rainfall 1-2 mm. Humidity 60-70%.

Long Range Forecast—A cold wave is approaching from the North. Wind 10-20 mph. Rainfall 1-2 mm. Humidity 60-70%.

HK women civil servants' appeal for equal pay is rejected by Colonial office

The Colonial Office in London has rejected an appeal submitted by the women civil servants in Hong Kong for equal pay with the men, it was learned last night.

Ms. I. S. Wan, chairman of the Chinese Civil Servants Association, said that the Colonial Office has definitely refused to consider the petition.

The rejection reached Hong Kong a few days ago, and news of it was immediately conveyed to all signatories of the appeal.

It is understood that further representations will be made both to Government here, and to the Colonial Office in London to correct the question of pay for women civil servants. It is also believed by the people's consensus that there is a justification for discrimination in salary.

The rejection, however, is not a final decision. Ms. Wan said she would continue to fight for equal pay.

No political questions

"They will find that our organisations will not ask political questions before giving a helping hand."

In the United States many public and private figures have come out for sending aid to China.

Even Senator William Knowland of California, a fervent anti-Communist, has advocated that the United States send aid to China.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said that aid would be considered under certain conditions, including the condition that the famine victims are told the source of the aid.

Chiang Kai-shek announced a world-wide appeal for aid to the famine areas three weeks ago, and has sent Nationalist air force planes to aid the victims.

However, the official continued to say that the aid should be sent through the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, and that the United States should not make any political conditions for its aid.

Secret report on Baltic incident

Washington, April 16.

Defence Secretary Louis Johnson will receive a "highly secret" report tomorrow from United States officials in Germany on the unarmored Navy plane that vanished over the Baltic Sea after being fired on by Russian fighters.

Assistant Defence Secretary Paul H. Grimes arrived here from Frankfurt where he conferred with Lieutenant General John K. Cannon, Commanding General of the United States Air Forces in Europe. General Cannon gave Mr. Grimes a "complete fill-in" on the downed aircraft search for the missing plane.

Mr. Grimes said General Cannon's report was "highly secret." He will give it to Mr. Johnson who presumably will pass it along to President Truman and the State Department.

The report will set the tone of the reply the Department is making to Russian official protest of the incident.—United Press.

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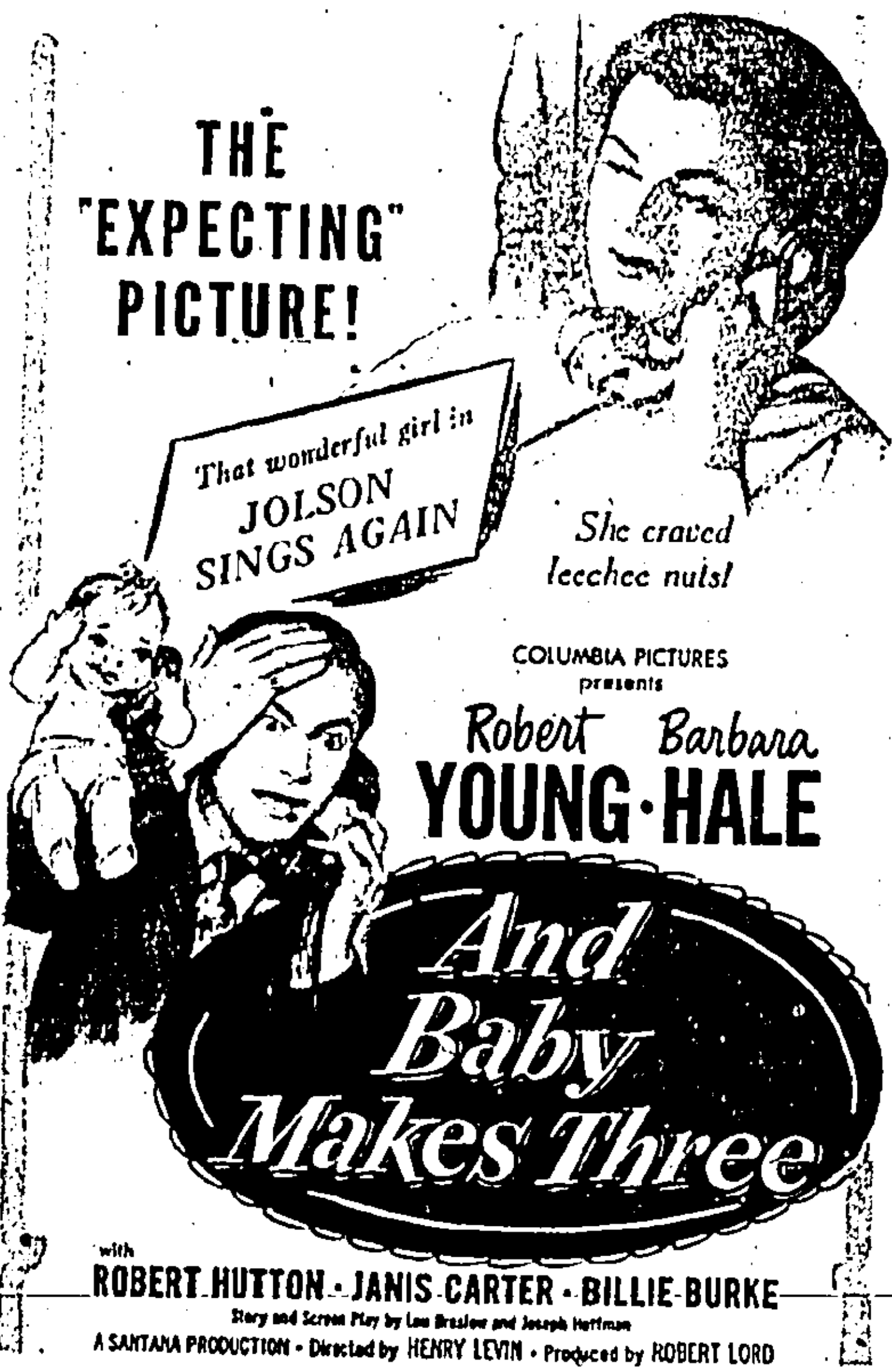


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PERSONAL DISPUTE THREAT TO MENZIES

Canberra,

A feud between the Speaker of the house and King George VI's personal representative in Australia threatens the Menzies-Fadden Government with an embarrassing, dramatic situation on April 19 when Parliament resumes after an Easter recess.

The Labour Party opposition threatens to introduce a motion censuring the Speaker, Archie Cameron, an unpredictable individualist with Scottish Highlander blood, for an attack on the Governor-General, William McKell on March 30.

The dispute not only brings the exalted office of Governor-General into acrimony for the first time this century, but also recalls the deep cleavage between Labour and Conservatives on the issue of who should be appointed to that job. Labour and many of the more nationalist-minded Conservatives think an Australian should be Governor-General. The Conservatives in the past bitterly contended that it should go to an Englishman, who would be aloof from the hurly-burly of local politics. With two exceptions, Englishmen, all titled ones, have held the job.

The Chifley Labour Government in 1947 appointed Mr. McKell, who began life as a lowly boilermaker's apprentice, and who was Premier of New South Wales. The Scullin Labour regime first broke with imperial tradition with appointment of Sir Isaac Isaacs, a distinguished Australian jurist, in 1931. Sir Isaac

was knighted after he received the appointment. The McKell and Isaacs appointments aroused furious protests from Conservatives in Parliament and Press.

Mr. Cameron revived the dispute with an unprecedented statement to Parliament. A Labour member asked him to comment on a "Sydney Sunday Telegraph" report that Mr. Cameron "makes no secret of his determination to appear at Government House (residence of the Governor-General) only on official business." The report, by Massey Stanley, a colourful political writer who once wore kilts to a Prime Minister's Press conference, told of a strained meeting between Mr. Cameron and Mr. McKell.

Mr. Cameron, in official wig and robes, took the Address-in-Reply to Parliament to Mr. McKell, who as the King's representative, had delivered the Menzies-Fadden Government's legislative programme at the opening of Parliament.

MANY DEAD IN HOUSE COLLAPSE

Tel Aviv, April 16.

A four-storey building housing some 80 persons collapsed tonight in Jaffa. Six persons are known to be dead. Many others are believed to have been crushed to death beneath the debris.

Rescue workers dug into the wreckage and thus far have brought out 20 injured, most of them in serious condition. Rescue operations are proceeding.

The exact number of casualties is not expected to be known for some time. The building was occupied by families of ex-Servicemen from the Israel Army. It was originally two stories high, but the previous owner added two more floors. It is believed that the foundations gave way.

An acute housing shortage exists in Israel. This was the second such accident in Jaffa recently. Four sisters were killed last December 26 when their home collapsed after 24 hours of torrential rains and floods.—Associated Press.

APPOINTMENT TO MISSION IN U.S.

London, April 17.

Vice-Admiral The Honourable Cyril Eustace Douglas-Pennant has been appointed to the British Joint Services Mission in Washington, the Admiralty announced today. He succeeds Admiral Sir Frederick Dainton-Hamilton.

In 1944 he became Chief Naval Staff Officer and Deputy Chief of Staff to the Supreme Allied Commander in South East Asia. Until last month he was Flag Officer (Air) and Second-in-Command of the Mediterranean Station.—Reuter.

PARIS WORKERS RELEASED

Paris, April 17.

Paris police headquarters today released all but eight of 170 workers arrested during the night in a battle for the possession of a large nationalised aircraft parts factory in the South of the city. The eight detained people were stated to be "not employees of the factory."

A demonstration called this morning by the Action Committee at the factory did not materialise, the police said.—Reuter.

How it arose

"I regret that this type of atmosphere should exist around a representative of the Crown," Mr. Menzies said. "This discussion does nothing but harm. If this debate continues there will be enormous heat engendered and it will do harm to the office of the Governor-General and to the Parliament." He then gagged the debate.

The Governor-General can say nothing as the King's representative.

If Mr. Chifley's forces bring in the censure motion, political experts say it will tax Mr. Menzies' parliamentary skill to the utmost to prevent a nasty situation developing.

Harold Cox, veteran political analyst of the "Melbourne Herald," pointed out that if the Government supports the censure motion, Mr. Cameron's retirement from the House is almost certain. If, however, the Government decides to oppose the motion, Mr. Cameron's position as speaker will be secure but the Government's support by a vote in the House for Mr. Cameron would amount to a motion of censure of the Governor-General. In such an event it seems certain that Mr. McKell would consider his own position and decide whether he could under the circumstances continue as Governor-General.

Experts point out that the Government could declare the motion a non-party affair and let its supporters vote as they choose. Most observers believe Mr. Cameron won't resign unless censured.

The situation results, experienced Parliamentary correspondents say, because the Menzies-Fadden Government didn't want to take Mr. Cameron into the Ministry, nor did they want him as a private member who could assert an independent line to the embarrassment of the Government. They compromised by making him speaker. But the Government didn't fully reckon with the Scotsman's old feud with Mr. McKell.

Labour observers claim that the refusal of Mr. Cameron to have a drink with Mr. McKell has proved a boon to the morale of their forces in Parliament. Fighting to protect Mr. McKell, one of their outstanding colleagues, Labour forces have rallied with new vigour around Mr. Chifley in Parliament after having been demoralized by the defeat at the polls last December.

Some Labour observers say that the incident recalls a belief held by many Labourites: that the office of Governor-General itself is outmoded and obsolete and needs overhauling. They say it is now only a glorified sinecure, and a needless prolongation of the colonial link with the Crown. They point out that while the Governor-General holds the power to call and dissolve Parliaments, at a time of Australia's greatest crisis he was completely by-passed. That was in 1942, when the late Labour Prime Minister John Curtin, went over the head of the Governor-General and the British to appeal directly to President Roosevelt for help.—United Press.

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British car show a hit in America

New York, April 16.
Large crowds visited the British motor show at the Grand Central Palace here today, besieging salesmen with inquiries.

Fine weather helped to augment the continual stream of visitors, which poured through the turnstiles throughout the day. Fifteen thousand saw the show on the opening day yesterday.

Mr. Alfred Sisane, Chairman of the Board of General Motors Corporation, the largest manufacturers of motorcars in the United States, said that his opinion of the demand for British cars in this country would exceed their expectations, especially in urban areas.

He said that traffic conditions in cities and towns are rapidly increasing the popularity of smaller cars.

The British target is to sell 50,000 cars a year in America.—Reuter.

HURLEY BLAMES YALTA

New York, April 16.

General Patrick Hurley, former Ambassador to China, today attacked the secret Yalta agreement as the blueprint for the Communist conquest of China.

In a debate on Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's radio programme, General Hurley clashed acrimoniously with his fellow guests, Senator Warren Magnuson, Dr. John King Fairbank, head of Harvard's School of Chinese Studies, and a journalist, Mr. Lauterbach.

Mr. Lauterbach and Mr. Magnuson laid the blame for the Chinese debacle on the poverty and loss of faith of the Chinese people and proposed that the United States launch a programme outside Communist areas in Asia aimed at regaining the support of the Asian peoples.

General Hurley said the United States diplomats surrendered all principles of the Atlantic Charter in the Yalta secret agreement on China, and that the agreement violated the territorial integrity of China by returning to Russia Port Arthur as the naval base in China.

General Hurley said that alliance with colonial imperialism in South East Asian countries would lead to the same defeat that the Yalta agreement produced. The United States must return to a policy of supporting free enterprise.

Dr. Fairbank urged that the United States withdraw support from Chiang Kai-shek.—United Press.

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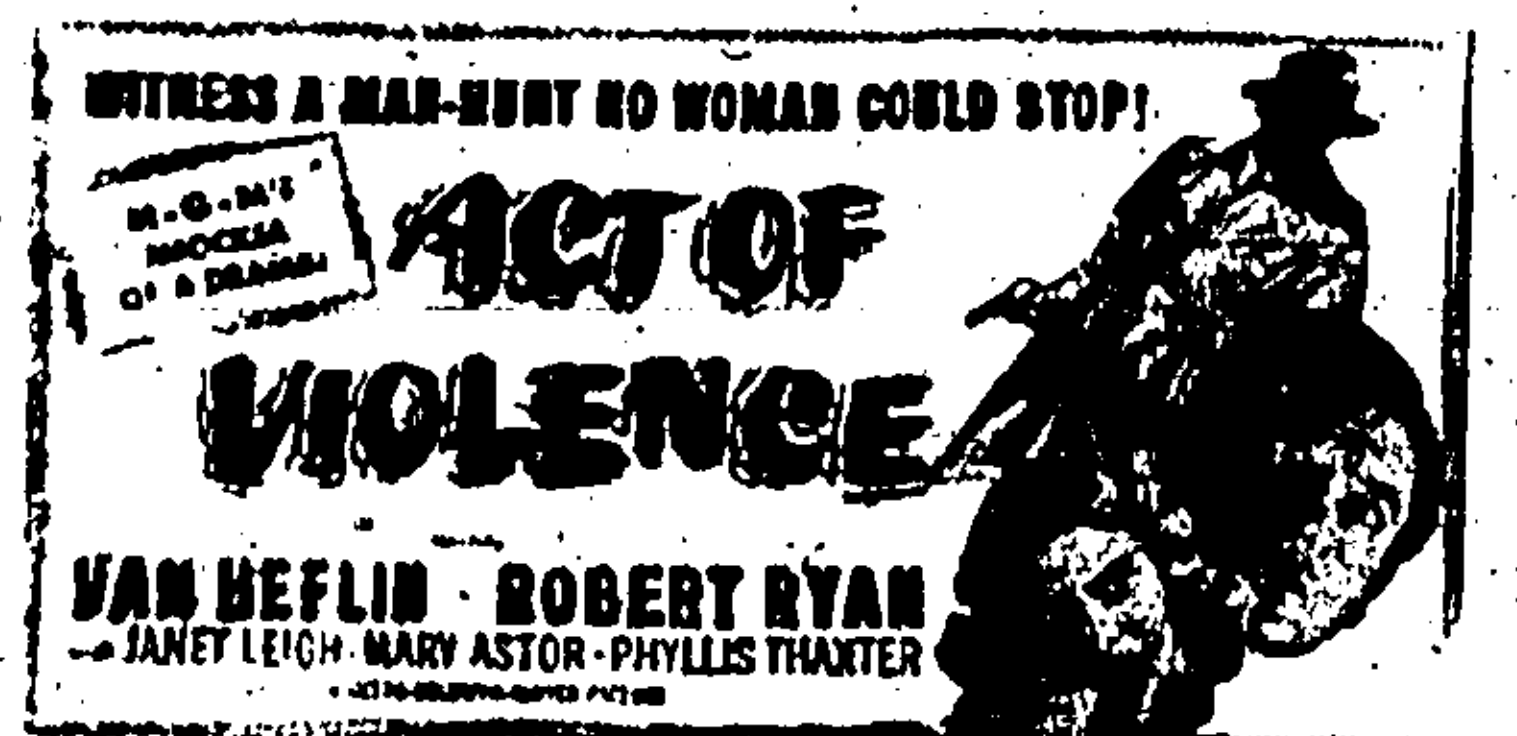
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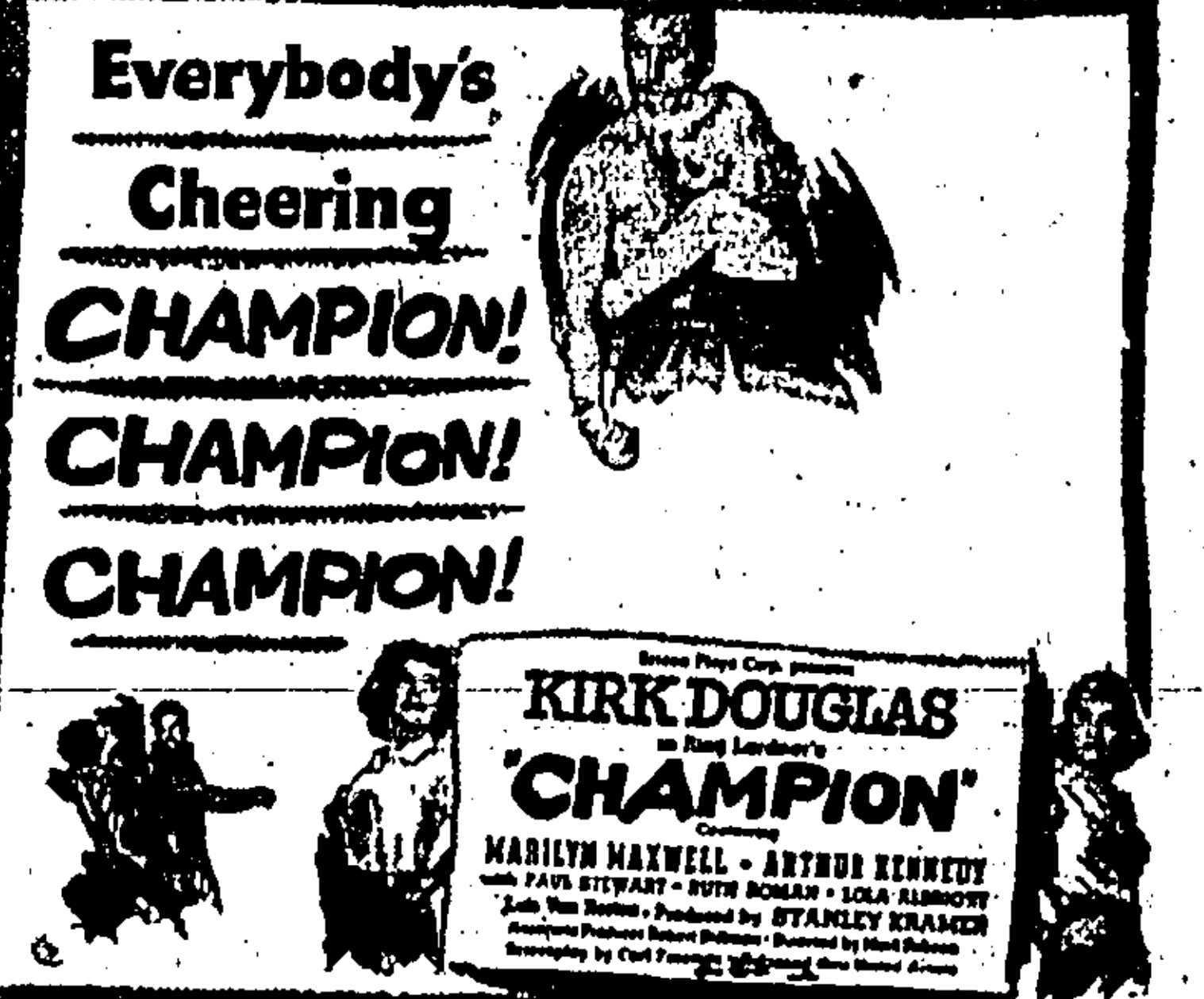
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GOING CONCERN

By "Windrush"
Special Correspondent

Yesterday's article was about the more or less forgotten theories of Sir H. J. Mackinder on the struggle between the "Heartland" of Europe and Asia, and the maritime countries of the "Rimland".

Mackinder threw out in his writings a great many other ideas which shine a revealing light on our own times. It would be a good thing if these ideas were taken out and examined from time to time.

One of his central concepts in writing about politics was that of the "Going Concern". In his book "Democratic Ideals and Reality" which was published in 1919, he describes the Going Concern as follows:

"Society is a going concern. Society is a creature of habit. The right moment, may have tremendous force. They may disorganise completely the Going Concern. At such times, society faces one of its great crises."

From this crisis, it is saved as a rule by a type of person very different from the idealist. This is the creative organiser. The creative organiser is the leader who decides what new social habits should be imposed on men in place of the old habits which the idealist has caused them to renounce. These new habits must correspond at least partly, though certainly not wholly, to the teaching of the idealist who first caused the Going Concern to change and falter in its steps. And these

new habits may need to be imposed by force, by discipline. Mackinder traces this typical development of events in both the French and Russian Revolutions. In Russia in 1917 the Going Concern had broken down. The interlocking of productive habits broke down step by step; Russia's

condition was like that terrible state of paralysis when the mind still sees and directs, but the nerves fail to elicit any response from the muscles. History shows no remedy but force upon which to found a fresh nucleus of discipline in such circumstances. Mackinder would certainly not have been surprised to see the development of the ruthless, iron rule of Stalin. He is the "creative organiser."

The trouble about the organiser—about man such as Stalin—is that he thinks entirely in terms of ways and means and not of ends. He organises simply for the sake of organising. If he is allowed supremacy too long, he becomes an insufferable tyrant.

Idealist vs. organiser

Mackinder describes as follows the contrast between the idealist, who precipitates the change in the Going Concern, and the organiser, who sets the Concern going again. "The organiser inevitably comes to look upon men as his tools. He is the inverse of

the mind of the idealist, for he would move men in brigades and must therefore have regard to material limitations; whereas the idealist appeals to the soul in each of us, and souls are winged and can soar. The idealist can soar. The idealist barely tolerates the State as a necessary evil, for it limits freedom."

Do Mackinder's ideas fit the history of the Chinese Revolution? Remarkably closely. The old Chinese society was a going concern. Sun Yat-sen, Kang Yu-wei, and all the Western thinkers who influenced China, were the idealists who caused such a ferment that men in China abandoned part of their traditional ways, and the old society fell into anarchy. Chiang Kai-shek attempted to be the "creative organiser" who started up the Going Concern once more. But he failed because in his new organisation he did not embody enough of the new ideas to satisfy modern China. By force alone he could not succeed. Now Mao Tse-tung has his chance.

Could Mao Tse-tung have a better text than Mackinder's concluding words? "We need logical thought, but practical, cautious action, because we have to do with a mighty Going Concern. If you stop it, or even slow down its running it will punish you relentlessly. If you let it run without guidance, it will take you over the cataract. You cannot guide it by setting up mere fences, because this Going Concern consists of hundreds of millions of human beings who are pursuing happiness, and they will swarm over all your fences like an army of ants. You can only guide humanity by the attraction of ideals."

Creative organiser

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Britain's No. 1 burglar

I call him The Man Who Knows. And he does. Things about the underworld that never get into print, facts about big robberies that startle the country every now and again. Among them, of course, big jewel robberies. He is the man to know these things, to probe deep beneath the surface of burglaries and the like. Not as a police detective, but as what is known as an assessor or in some cases a "loss adjuster."

He is one of the experts who, in cases of burglary fire, and the like, assess what loss the insurance companies will pay. He works independently, and one of his functions concerns the tracking down of stolen property and the carrying out of any negotiations that may be necessary for its recovery.

A '1950 Raffles'

Now there have been quite a number of big jewel robberies of recent months. Country houses have been raided, rich loot whisked away with baffling efficiency. By whom remains the toughest riddle the police have been set for years.

As a man on the inside track of all the investigations that have been going on, police and otherwise, my assessor friend has come to some startling conclusions.

"There's a lone wolf jewel thief at work," he told me. "A 1950 Raffles who has made a specialty of raiding country houses. And he's had a good year."

blockade-of-a-great-port-like Shanghai would create a crisis whatever the regime. But it would have been nothing like as bad as it is if the authorities had been less exacting in their demands and more enterprising in supplying raw materials from the interior to keep industry going. Indeed, so rapacious have been the demands, both in taxation and in compulsory contributions to the so-called Victory Bonds, that there would have been a crisis even without the blockade.

Under the Common Programme private enterprise was to have been given a fair chance, at least until the transition period to full Socialism was over. Actually the Communists appear to be going full speed ahead on the maximum programme already; taxation appears to be designed both for revenue and for expropriation; and the pace set is causing alarm not far from panic among those most affected. In the early days of the Bolshevik Revolution the same reckless pace brought Lenin himself had to put the machine in reverse and introduce what he called the New Economic Policy to prevent a complete collapse of economy.

The phase was merely a strategic retreat, and it was replaced later on by the first Five Year Plan. But after many of these plans—and, to be honest about it, after a great and devastating war—the condition of the Russian people is as poor as ever. And it wasn't very much better even before the war. What is incomprehensible is that this has so little influence on the passionate faith of the new devotees of Marx in Asia.

That British industrialists are missing the boat so far as Canada is concerned is becoming more obvious every day. The Investment Brokers' Association of America have just set up a special committee to study the investment situation in Canada. Their experts have informed them that there is convincing proof that frontier development is still characteristic of Canadian life. There have been ample examples of this recently—the spectacular investment possibilities of the prairie oil discoveries, from ore finds in Labrador and titanium-bearing ore in Quebec.

Expert opinion contends that additional discoveries of oil in Western Canada are 475,000 square miles are classified as prospective oil territory.

If this opinion is well founded, as it appears to be, the Canadian oil industry will require huge amounts of new capital. It is estimated that expansion of Canadian production to a capacity of around 400,000 barrels would require expenditure of about £250,000,000, which might be raised in equal parts from operations and from capital markets.

Oil is not the only attraction. The many by-products of natural gas in the West offer great opportunities to the chemical industry. So much so, it is reported as being in reserve that the Alberta Government think that some of it could be exported by pipeline to the West coast and the Eastern Provinces. Ourselves involved are more than 250,000,000.

American business interests are not missing any of these details. They have worked hard to get

"I'd put him down as Britain's No. 1 burglar, and the slickest jewel thief we've had for years. His loot in the past 12 months must tot up to something around the £100,000 mark."

"He hasn't, of course, carried out every country house robbery

By
Parry Miller

of the past year. But we haven't much doubt of the ones he has been responsible for.

"He's much too smart to leave behind any clues as to his identity. But it has been possible to build up a picture of what I might call his crime personality."

"Pretty nearly every crook has his own individual way of working. It stamps whatever coup he brings off with his trademark, though not a single tangible clue may be left behind."

"In this business you become expert in reading those crude marks, in getting a pretty good work-out picture of the crook responsible."

"And I'd say this one, to start with, always works entirely alone—save perhaps for a receiver; thinks out each detail of each raid with unerring accuracy; carries out each coup with the cool level-headedness that makes sure there is going to be no tiny forgotten clue left behind; and has the education and social presence that enables him to mix in good circles."

"That last is important to him. It enables him to mark down the

jewellery he is going to steal and gather a lot of useful working information about the lay-out of its owner's country house.

"He must spend weeks, possibly months, watching the movements of the family and the entire household. His timing has got to be right, to the very second."

"You see, he has got to know just where the jewels are at the moment he enters the house, and to be as certain as he can that he will not be disturbed for the few minutes he needs to take them."

"He works with great speed and sureness, doesn't take just any jewels, but knows enough to select only the best, and never enters a house except by a first-floor window."

"Having once got away with the jewels, his methods for disposing of them are just as slick as the rest of the operation. I'd say the only chance the police have of bringing this prince of burglars to book is to catch him red-handed. And he knows that as well as anyone. That's why he has eliminated the chances of being given away by a confederate careless enough to get caught."

"One other point about this lone jewel thief. Not only has it been found impossible so far to lay hands on him, but not the slightest trace has been found of what has happened to his loot."

My assessor friend lit a cigarette. "A good story," I commented. "How about the other country-house jewel robberies—the ones this lone wolf doesn't carry out?"

"Well," was the reply, "there are at least three or four skilled gangs specialising in this type of robbery at work. They, like our new Raffles, go into action only after making the most careful plans."

"Carrying out the actual robbery means work for as many as four men—two to enter the house and get the stuff, one to act as look-out, one to drive the getaway car. In addition, other men—and perhaps women—will have been employed gathering intelligence on the mansion and its occupants, both family and staff."

Same technique

"All arrangements will have been made with a receiver before the coup is ever attempted. Once the jewellery has been obtained the whole aim will be to get it to the receiver as quickly as possible. In a few hours the stuff will often pass through three or four hands, and the receiver will probably not have the slightest idea of the identity of the actual thieves."

"The technique for the robbery is always the same—entry through a first-floor window. There's a reason for that. Down stairs windows are usually shut at evening or night, bedroom windows left open. And it's in the bedrooms the jewellery is found."

"By and large, the dinner hour is the danger period—say between seven and nine in the evening. Then the family is in the dining hall, leaving the upstairs rooms tolerably free."

'Seems to vanish'

"From the gang's point of view the whole robbery is timed like a military operation. It's all done in a matter of minutes. He has got to do and given a definite number of minutes, sometimes seconds, in which to do it."

"What happens to the 'jewellery'?" was my natural question. "It seems to vanish," this time the assessor sighed. "That means, of course, that somewhere or other in this country, one or two extremely slick receivers are at work."

"If we could only track down those receivers..."



U.S. to postpone peanut imports from China. You can take it as Red that Washington does not want to shell out any Mao dollars than necessary.

"Huku offensive." Yes, says Quirino, they are—very.

Trying to dodge the Red bond salesman at Shumchun, passengers were apparently chased down the railway line by a completely loco motive.

Like other controversial goods, Seretse was delivered to his wife in a plain van.

Speaking in Melbourne, the Red Dean says Russia wants peace. Australians insist they also want peace—from the Red Dean.

In Britain, says a local report, there is "renewed pressure for a wage increase by upwards of 50,000,000 workers."

One should not go million about like that, especially in print.

If a man reaches into a hat and pulls out a rabbit, it's magic. If a woman reaches into her handbag and pulls out a door key, it's a miracle.

Small boy swallows coin, so his family summon the fire brigade. Myrtle, a great filmpop, thinks it must have been hot money.

A whistle swallowed by a schoolboy was removed in hospital after causing him no discomfort.

In fact, for a time he had entertained friends with bird imitations when pressed.

"Japanese Reds capitalise on economic chaos." Surely it would be more in character for them to collectivise?

Myrtle thinks a mandate is a male escort.

"Leopold offer creates new situation." He's lucky. It's not always that displaced royalty finds another job so quickly.

Some girls show a generous nature; others show how generous nature has been.

Turboprop plane in Copenhagen

Copenhagen, April 16. The world's first turboprop airliner, the British Vickers Viscount, arrived at Copenhagen's Kastrup airport today on a demonstration flight.

The plane travelled from London to Copenhagen in three hours and 10 minutes.

Sir Hew Kilner, Deputy Chairman and Managing Director of Vickers Armstrong Limited, said the Viscount made a perfect flight despite bad flying weather most of the trip.

The Viscount will leave Copenhagen for Stockholm on Wednesday. From there it will go to Oslo and Amsterdam and then back to London.

British European Airways will arrange two demonstration flights tomorrow. Representatives of the British Embassy and the Danish and foreign Press have been invited.

The Viscount is built to carry 40 passengers. Its average speed is 540 miles per hour. The maintenance costs are very low and the turbo-prop motors are more economical than ordinary piston engines.—Associated Press.

TRAGIC HOLIDAY

Antigua, Leeward Islands, April 17. A holiday crowd, caught in a sudden tropical rain squall, stampeded for cover through a narrow gate here and trampled to death 10 people, including six children. Eleven others were taken to hospital seriously injured.

An estimated 2,000 picnickers were gathered for the narrow gate at St. Kitts, when the rain began.

The citadel was the site of the battle between the British and French for St. Kitts Island in the early 18th Century. It is now a holiday spot.—Reuters.

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IN MEMORIAM

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CHANGING ECONOMIC ORDER

Change is no remedy of itself. It falls into two types—change for the sake of change under the urge of theory, and change dictated by the sole consideration of practical improvement. Communist change belongs to the first category and American change—technological advance and mass production—to the other. Too often the first of these represents a change for the worse. True, it wipes out the capitalists, but creates a privileged political class without in any way improving the lot of the common people. Russia and the United States still stand for the two extremes of economic condition among the modern States.

During the recent exchange of Notes on the rate of the Russian rouble, the British Government pointed out that the price of white bread in Britain is 6½d a kilo compared with five roubles (8/6d) in Russia. Sugar in Britain is 11d a kilo and in Russia it is more than 20 times as much. Potatoes cost nearly nine times as much as in Britain, eggs 16 times as much, butter 20 times as much and tea about 30 times as much. These disparities apply also to rents, travel and fuel. An ideal designed sincerely enough by its authors and its believers to uplift the common people and remove great inequalities, succeeds in practice only in reducing all except the privileged officials to a common level of harassed and persistent poverty.

Many people who have recently left China have commented on the effect upon the Chinese of the rush to the shops of the New Russians. It is hardly true to say they came in rags, but they were certainly down-at-heel, especially the women. They are paid in United States dollars, and in the North at any rate they bought their suits and dresses and other articles of clothing in American notes. The prices they were ready to pay, were quite fantastic. One tailor, questioned by our informant on the matter, admitted he charged them U.S.\$250 a suit. It was paid without a protest. The truth is that decent clothes, except uniforms, are unobtainable in Russia, and if they were, they would probably be more expensive even than the price mentioned.

One of the topics banned in China today is private enterprise. A merchant told us the other day that when he tried to show how certain measures in that direction would be more profitable, the official brought the discussion to an immediate close. And coupled with this devotion to the Marxist doctrine is a refusal to attribute any of the blame, if things go wrong, to the system itself.

The Peking "People's Daily" blames the Imperialist Powers, the landlords and the bureaucratic capitalists for the present chaotic economic conditions in China, especially in the big cities like Shanghai. Undoubtedly there is a certain justification for this excuse, since the



Carmen, 23-year-old daughter of General Francisco Franco of Spain, displays the gown which she wore for her wedding, to Dr. Marques de Villaverde. The diamond bracelet is the Spanish form of engagement ring. Spanish custom decrees that everything other than the clergyman's fees are provided by the groom, including the wedding dress. The bride and her family buy only the bedroom suite, but Carmen's mother broke tradition and gave her daughter a diamond and pearl diadem for the wedding.—(AP Photo).

AIR CRASH IN ALPS STARTS AVALANCHE

Schangnau, Switzerland, April 16.
A four-engined British airliner smashed into an Alpine peak in fog today, killing its crew of five and their only passenger—an Italian—and starting an avalanche. The plane was bound for Teheran.

Eye-witnesses who saw the plane crash into 7,200-foot high Hohgant Mountain said it skidded over the snow for more than half a mile and then was carried another 900 feet down the mountain slope on the sliding snow before coming to a halt amongst a pile of rocks.

The plane's skid started an avalanche which thundered into the valley below.

According to first reports, the plane did not catch fire. The crash took place at 8.30 this morning and word was brought to the local authorities from the mountain farms. Relief parties immediately set out for the wreck.

The plane, which was a Halifax, owned by Air Carriers, Limited, of London, left Schiphol Airfield this morning for a charter flight to Teheran.

The area of the crash was reported to be rugged. The passenger's name was given as Dr. Giulio, a representative of the owners, who was on his way to Brindisi.

The Swiss Federal Air Office said in a communique that the accident appeared to be due to faulty navigation. The communique added that the plane struck the North parapet of the mountain and was completely destroyed.

In thick fog

Debris was scattered over a wide area, the statement said, much of it being engulfed in the avalanche. The wreckage did not burn.

All six occupants of the craft were believed to have died instantly. A relief party arrived at the scene in about an hour after the crash.

The accident occurred in thick fog, according to the communique. Reports from the scene of the crash state that the remains of the plane were caught up in the avalanche, which the crash started. The wreckage was swept down about 300 yards from the actual place of the crash.

Farmers heard the plane roaring overhead early this morning. Almost immediately there was a tremendous explosion as the plane struck the rocky Northern parapet of the Hohgant Massif. Parties from surrounding farms set off at once, but it was an hour before the first group reached the scene.

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A JUNIOR MINISTER SACKED BY ATTLEE

Sequel to provocative speech on agriculture GOVERNMENT'S DISCOMFITURE

London, April 16.

Mr. Stanley Evans, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, resigned tonight.

An announcement from the Prime Minister's house said that Mr. Evans had placed his resignation in the hands of Mr. Clement Attlee, who had accepted it.

Mr. Evans' resignation came within 24 hours of a slashing attack on him by the National Farmers Unions of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, which accused him of making a deliberate attempt to drive a wedge between town and country.

This was the second time in a few days that Mr. Evans had angered the farmers. They took issue, yesterday with a statement which he made at a Press conference on Friday, that no other nation featherbeds its agriculture like Britain.

He expressed doubt whether subsidies to farmers had not reached a level which neither consumer nor taxpayer could afford.

The Unions accused him of prematurely disclosing farmers' income figures and of selecting just those statistics which supported his fallacious argument that farmers might be getting too much security.

The Parliamentary Secretary, who ranks as a junior Minister, had declared that farmers' incomes had gone up from £55,000,000 in 1938 to £284,500,000 last year.

An outspoken Labour backbencher at 52, Mr. Evans went to the Ministry of Food as Parliamentary Secretary in the place of Dr. Edith Summerskill when she became Minister of National Insurance. He had been in office for 45 days.

Usually when a Minister resigns, letters between himself and the Prime Minister, showing the reasons for the resignation, are published. Tonight's announcement was a bare statement of the fact that Mr. Evans had resigned.

Attlee angry

Mr. Evans' resignation— which political quarters assumed meant he was sacked by the Prime Minister— climaxed a week-end of Government discomfiture over the junior Minister's provocative speech on British farmers.

The speech, taken in conjunction with previous "coat-trailing" utterances, was believed to have brought down on Mr. Evans' head the wrath not only of the Prime Minister but other powerful Government forces.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, the chief party disciplinarian, the Food Minister, Mr. Maurice Wobb, and the Agriculture Minister, Mr. Tom Williams, are all believed to have taken part.

The rapidity with which the situation developed is seen as an indication that the Government intends to deal summarily with any of its following—whether Ministers or rankers—who kick over the traces and thus increase Labour's difficulty in maintaining office with its tiny Parliamentary majority.

Moscow interest in Philippines

London, April 16.

The Soviet Army newspaper, "Red Star", has declared that activity by guerrillas of the "People's Liberation Army" has now spread throughout the Philippines, according to a Tass news agency report received here today.

The newspaper's commentator, in an article on the "intensification of the national-liberation struggle in the Philippines", claimed that during the last few days the guerrillas had made several attacks against strongholds of Government troops.

They had also "launched bold surprise attacks in the outskirts of Manila itself, it said.

The "People's Liberation Army" had the support of the entire population, the Soviet newspaper claimed. The Government Army's new offensive against the guerrillas—launched with American tanks and planes—had failed to crush the movement, the newspaper said.

"Despite reprisals and terror, the guerrillas continue to struggle against the double oppression of American colonisers and the local bourgeois and feudal landowners."—Reuter.

PERAK OUTRAGE

Singapore, April 16.
Eighty terrorists attacking the Harborough Estate in Perak last night murdered a labourer and destroyed buildings and estate produce worth £1,400. They seized identity cards from 50 labourers.—Reuter.



Australia to stay in New Guinea

Sydney, April 16.
Australia can never withdraw completely from New Guinea, said the External Affairs Minister, Percy Spender, who returned tonight from a Pacific tour.

Australian authority must remain in New Guinea where many great potentialities are yet to be developed. He met too many people who spoke about New Guinea only as trust territory in which Australia had only limited interest and from which Australia is expected shortly to withdraw. This was a dangerous point, Mr. Spender said, if Australia did not remain there, there are other nations that would.—United Press

Battle over U.S. aid bill

Washington, April 16.

Democrats and Republicans are preparing for a sharp battle on the floor of the Senate over President Truman's \$3,372,450,000 global Aid Bill.

Democratic Administration leaders are confident that they can defeat strong moves this week to slash the Aid money, and push the Bill passed without crippling amendments.

The President had sought authorisation to provide \$3,100,000,000 for Europe's Marshall Plan, \$100,000,000 for Korea, about \$100,000,000 for the non-Communist general area of China, \$27,450,000 to help Palestine Arab refugees, and \$45,000,000 to launch its programme of technical help to the world's under-developed areas.

Some Congressional sources expect heavy Republican-led moves to cut the European funds by anything up to \$600,000,000.

They consider that the recent State Department announcement, that it would seek tariff reductions on 2,500 items imported in the United States, would provide ammunition for a force of "protectionist" Senators who have been expressing concern at European competition on domestic industries.

The global Aid Bill, as passed by the House of Representatives, cut funds to be authorised by \$276,000,000.—Reuter.

Washington, April 16.
The Air Force disclosed today that it has increased the operating radius of its F-84-E "Thunderjet" fighter planes to more than 1,000 miles by adding two 230-gallon wingtip tanks. The previously announced operating radius was 850 miles. The extra tanks add a total of 920 gallons of fuel to the Thunderjet's normal capacity.—United Press.

VATICAN DENIES PEACE PACT

Vatican City, April 16.

Vatican circles today denied all knowledge of a "peace pact" between Poland's Communist Government and the Polish "Council of Bishops", reported from Warsaw, although an agreement might be reached.

According to the official announcement, which came from the "Joint Commission of the Polish Government and the Episcopate", the agreement was signed on Friday and embraced the entire problem of State-Church relations.

The Bishops, the Polish Press agency said, agreed to recognise the Pope's authority in matters of faith and Church jurisdiction, being guided by the interests of the State in all other matters, and pledging themselves to condemn underground anti-State activities.

The Agency did not define the "Council of Bishops". Observers here link the Warsaw reports with the arrival in Rome on Thursday of Cardinal Prince Adam Sapieha, 82-year-old Archbishop of Cracow, first Catholic Prelate from Eastern Europe, to obtain permission to visit Rome during the Holy Year.—Reuter.

SCHUMACHER'S FEARS EXPRESSED

Osnabrueck, April 17.

Dr. Kurt Schumacher, the West German Opposition leader, said here today he feared that West Germany's entry in the Council of Europe would lead to her participation in the Atlantic Pact and consequent rearmament.

Her entry would mean recognising the "annexation" of the Saar, he told a Party meeting of the Social Democrats here.

Dr. Schumacher, who has repeatedly opposed acceptance of the Council of Europe's invitation to Germany to associate membership, said he feared acceptance would "destroy the moral foundations for a revision of the Oder-Neisse frontier with Poland."—Reuter.

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BIDAULT PROPOSES ATLANTIC DEFENCE, ECONOMIC COUNCIL

Lyons, April 16.

The Prime Minister of France, Georges Bidault, today proposed the establishment of an international executive council to deal with defence and economic problems of the Atlantic community. M. Bidault proposed the creation of an Atlantic High Council for Peace in the name of the French Government at a banquet speech in the City Hall here. He hoped the Council would be able to extend its powers to the political domain.

MOSCOW SEES A JAP NAVY

Moscow, April 16.

"Pravda," organ of the Soviet Communist party, asserted today that all 27 of the lend lease frigates which the Soviet Union returned to the U.S. Government last year have been turned over to the Japanese to form the nucleus of a resurrected Japanese Navy.

"Pravda's" source of information was a Tass despatch from Shanghai which said the frigate fleet was being commanded by Japanese Rear-Admiral Komura. (In Washington, the Navy denied that any of the 27 frigates returned by the Russians have been turned over to Japan. It denied further that any ships have been turned over to the Japanese with military equipment or for any military purpose. A Navy spokesman said the 27 frigates were delivered to U.S. authorities by the Russians at Yokosuka, Japan, and as of noon on Saturday, they were still there with no disposition ordered. Title is in the U.S. Navy, he said. The spokesman said a few tank landing ships, demilitarised, are the closest thing to fighting craft which the Japanese have obtained here. The LSTs are being used for cargo carrying and in repatriation of Japanese from lands the nation no longer controls. Those carry Japanese crews but the U.S. still holds title. A few smaller vessels have been loaned to the Japanese to help revive their fishing industry. —Associated Press.

PATEL'S VISIT TO CALCUTTA

Calcutta, April 16.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Home Minister of India, arrived in Calcutta today for a five-day discussion with local Government Ministers and Congressional leaders on implementing the India-Pakistan communal peace pact. The main purpose of Mr. Patel's visit appeared to be to stir up enthusiasm for the new agreement in West Bengal, where there is danger of indifference, due to the resignations from the Indian Government of the Bengali Ministers Shyamsunder Mookherjee and Kshitish Chandra Neogy. Thousands lined the route taken by Mr. Patel from the airport but there were only occasional shouts of "Jai Hind" (victory to India). —Associated Press.

"Believing that the hour has come to make the solidarity of free nations more concrete, more simple and more effective in order to give rise to more mutual confidence and more strength for peace," said M. Bidault, "I believe it would be wise and opportune to create an Atlantic High Council, called upon to direct and orient development of the community in two domains which are inseparable—that of defence and that of economy—with the hope of being able to add, without too much delay, the political domain."

The Premier hoped the Big Three Foreign Ministers would set up a committee to go ahead with plans for an Atlantic Council at their meeting in London on May 28.

"Like our reasons, our intentions are clear: in order to discourage in advance all distortion in interpretation, I propose the definition of the objective be affirmed in the name itself of High Council and that it be called the Atlantic High Council for Peace."

"There is no reason to let monopoly of that name to those who, having taken it over among others, designate us as a camp of aggression," he added.

The French plan was essentially a logical extension and junction of already existing steps such as creation of the Western Union, the Organisation for European Economic Recovery and the Atlantic Pact.

Attack on Reds

M. Bidault's proposal came after repeated reports of French dissatisfaction with the existing Atlantic Pact defence organisation. The French were reported to be concerned because the pact nations had no command body and no commander-in-chief.

The Prime Minister also attacked the Communists for trying to set themselves above the law and declared that France would defend herself in any eventuality.

He said, in obvious reference to the French Communists, "There are no laws of exception, but unfortunately there are men who want to be exceptions to the law. There is political violation when parties proclaim themselves different from others. There is trade union violation when union locals fight first of all for political aims. There is violation of national discipline when men who hold positions of responsibility proclaim their eventual refusal to serve."

"This was apparently in reference to the statement of the Atomic Energy Commissioner, Dr. Frederic Joliot-Curie, to the Communist National Congress two weeks ago when he said no progressive scientist would ever allow his knowledge to be used against the Soviet Union."

Violation of security

Above all there is violation of national security and independence, when appeals multiply to

sabotage the means of defence of a country which is worth being defended, and which will be, no matter what happens," he continued.

At the Premier spoke here, a few hours after arriving to preside over inauguration ceremonies of the Lyons International Fair, the Ministry of National Defence in Paris announced that trains carrying the American arms that had recently arrived had all reached their destinations safely. While M. Bidault did not mention the Communist Party by name, there was no doubt his attack was directed at Red attempts to halt unloading of Atlantic Pact arms.

He said, however, that the basic internal problem for France was the Social front and he appealed to both industry and labour to renew collective bargaining talks. —United Press.

LIFERAFT FOUND IN BALTIC

Wiesbaden, April 16.

The search for a missing United States Navy patrol bomber was officially called off tonight, a few hours after a British steamer picked up a yellow liferaft in the Baltic, South East of Stockholm.

The raft was found by the steamer Beechland (1,813 tons), bound for the Finnish port of Helsinki. From there the raft, identified as American, manufactured in 1948, will be flown to Copenhagen tomorrow for examination by Air Force experts.

The raft was picked up North of Gotland Island, roughly on a line between Stockholm and the Latvian port of Libau, where the Russians allege they were forced to fire on an American bomber a few hours before the Navy Privateer, with 10 men on board, was listed as missing. The United States Air Force's European headquarters called off the eight-day search, tonight, abandoning all hope of finding any survivors.

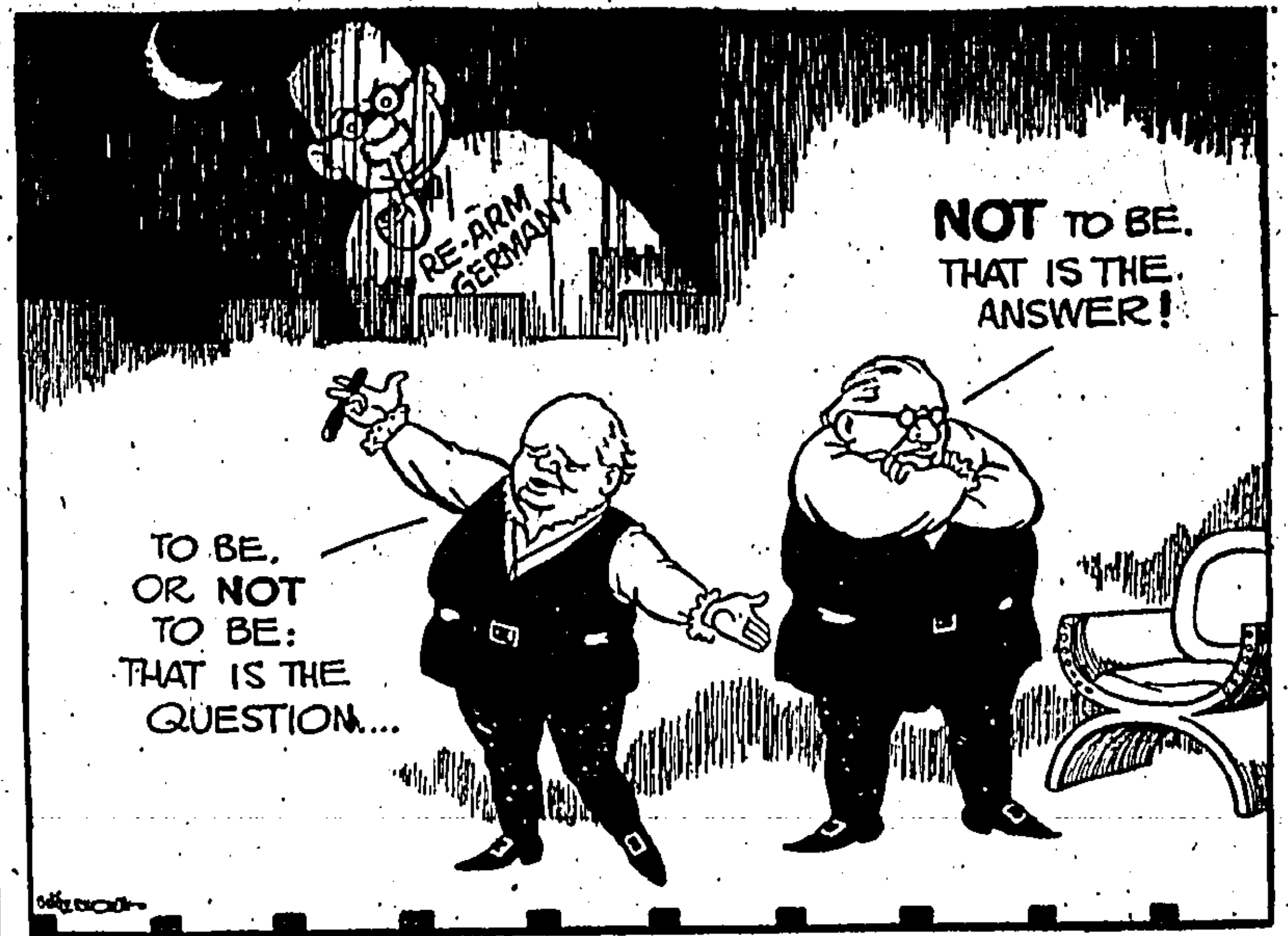
It was learned officially that the raft found by the Beechland is of the same type and registration as those used by the missing Privateer. An official spokesman said: "We think it is from the plane."

He added that no further statement was made until after the raft had been examined. Danish and Swedish vessels which helped in the search returned to their ports tonight.

American planes searching for the missing American aircraft are equipped with the latest air photographic equipment with powerful photographic lens, a Tass message from Denmark said today.

The despatch added that the Danes do not believe the Americans are searching for a missing plane but that they are holding manoeuvres and wish to scare the Danes and Swedes in the way.

A Tass message from Sweden quoted a Swedish paper as saying the American plane was in constant radio communication with Wiesbaden even at the moment it was in contact with Soviet fighters, but that the Americans, for military, strategic and diplomatic reasons, are keeping this secret. —Reuter and Associated Press.



"OR TO TAKE ARMS....?" Hamlet

POOR OUTLOOK FOR THE SYDNEY TALKS

London, April 16.

The outlook is not too good for the Commonwealth conference on aid to South East Asia which is to be held in Sydney beginning on May 10, diplomatic observers here said today.

For one thing, they point out, the hard-pressed Labour Government in Britain cannot spare a high-level Minister as its representative, for it needs the vote of every Minister.

Hence the leader of the United Kingdom delegation is to be a Labour Peer, Lord Macdonald, who is virtually unknown to the British public. He is an ex-minister who went into public politics, rising to be Governor-General of Newfoundland, and he holds the purely honorary post of Paymaster in the present Government.

Co-leader with him will be Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner-General in South East Asia, who will join the party from London at Singapore. Neither could sign any agreement without first consulting London.

Both are right wing Labour politicians. The outstanding fact confronting this Commonwealth conference is that politicians of the Western world have since the end of the war poured some \$6,250,000,000 into Asia and have little to show for it.

About \$1,000,000,000 was sunk in China. Another \$2,200,000,000 has been invested in the rescue of Japan and Southern Korea from insolvency and another \$700,000,000 has gone into rehabilitation of the Philippines.

Master plan

These are American dollars but their political, economic and social effect are bound to occupy a large part of the Commonwealth discussion in Sydney next month.

Britain's post-war expenditure from public funds in South East Asia included a grant of some £80,000,000 to Malaya and of £50,000,000 to the East Indies, an unknown proportion of annual military expenditure which last year reached £760,000,000.

While the conference is trying to guess how much more can be spent in South East Asia, the American State Department is reported to be studying a scheme under which the entire Asian pattern is to be definitely fixed—an American "master plan" in which Japan is to be converted into the workshop of the Pacific for the construction of industrial goods with other countries continuing to supply raw materials.

According to the report, the scheme provides for credit agreements among the Asiatic countries largely under American direction and with the dollar as common currency.

The two Macdonalds and their colleagues from Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan and Ceylon will have to study this carefully for it means at bottom an extension of the "cold war" to countries staggering under "hot" wars.

Basic difficulty

But the fundamental difficulty of the Sydney conference is that it pretends to be one thing while actually it is something quite different.

It is much less a conference to discuss aid to South East Asia than it is a conference to discuss just how South East Asia can be made to continue its aid to the Commonwealth by supplying goods which Empire businessmen can sell for much-needed dollars.

This is why in the United Kingdom delegation to Sydney next month there will be experts from the Board of Trade and the Treasury as well as from the Foreign Office and the Commonwealth Relations Office. They are most certainly less interested in the American "master plan" than they are in recovering on the part of British and local Chinese businessmen their old position in the restless countries. Sydney may evolve a plan but it seems unlikely to be adopted without months of consideration. —United Press.

U.S. PURCHASES OF NEW PLANES

Washington, April 16.

The U.S. Air Force has placed orders for about 1,250 new planes, valued at more than \$1,000,000,000, during the current fiscal year, with continued strong emphasis on heavy bombers.

This was the first disclosure of the Air Force procurement programme for the fiscal year which ends on June 30.

The Navy said last week its plane procurement programme for the current year would probably cost about \$500,000,000 and involve some 700 planes.

The Air Force figures indicated continued heavy emphasis on the Consolidated Vultee B-30 super-bombers and the beginning of a major buying programme for the Boeing B-47 six-jet bomber that flies more than 600 miles per hour.

President Truman requested \$1,350,000,000 for new Air Force and Navy planes in the fiscal year 1951 but the Joint Chiefs of Staff were believed to be about ready to recommend at least a \$500,000,000 increase in the amount. —United Press.

ZIKISTS BANNED IN NIGERIA

Lagos, April 16.

The Nigerian Government has banned the extreme nationalist Zikist movement, led by Dr. Kenneth Azikiwe. "Conclusive evidence has been obtained," the Government statement said, "that the movement sought to stir up hatred and malice and to pursue seditious aims by lawlessness and violence."

The Zikist movement was formed by a group of extreme nationalists in 1947. It has considerable following in the Lagos area. —Reuter.

British Jews protest

London, April 16.

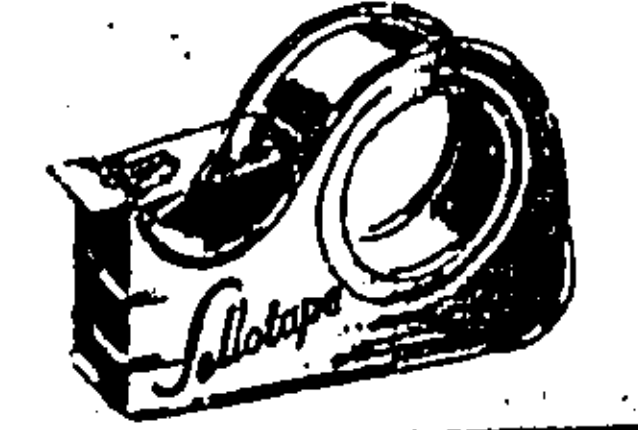
The Board of Deputies of British Jews today protested against the supply of arms to the Arab countries, which, it said, is aggravating tension in the Middle East.

The Board stated that it views "with deep concern the increasing tension and the threat to peace in the Middle East, aggravated by the supply of arms by the British Government to Arab States without making such supply dependent on their full co-operation in the conclusion of peace, and despite their openly expressed intention to renew a campaign of aggression against Israel."

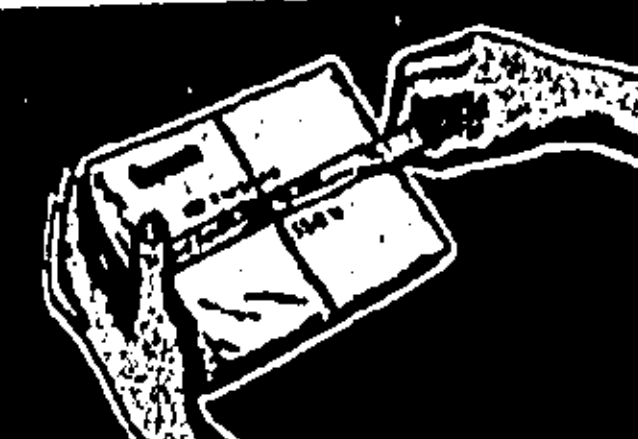
The Board urges the Government "to reconsider its policy in a spirit of fairness to Israel, which has shown itself ready to negotiate peace with the neighbouring Arab States, in the paramount desire to solve the weighty and pressing problems with which the young State is urgently confronted." —Reuter.

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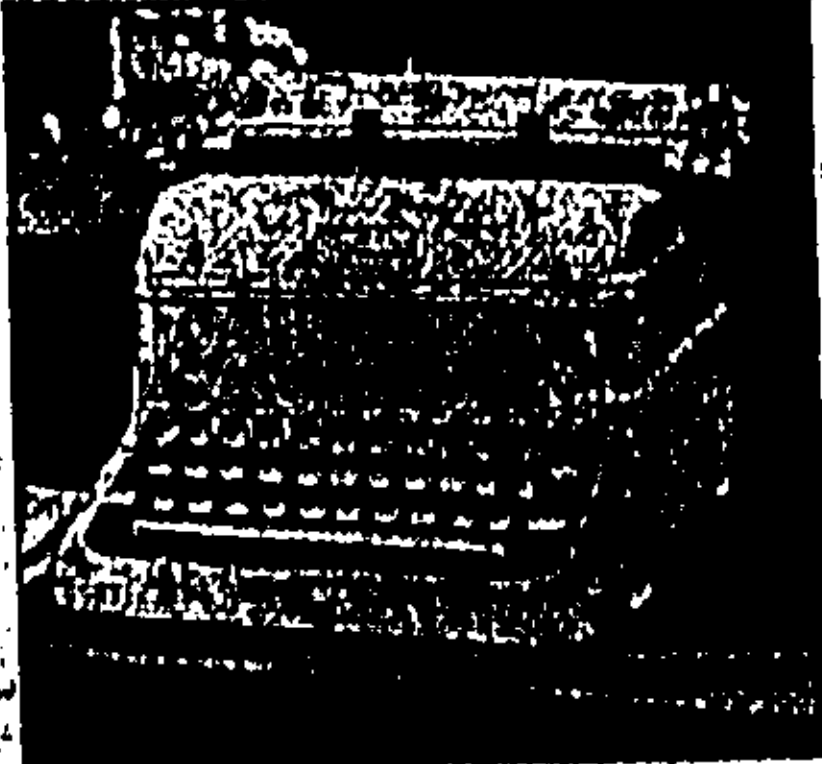


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"ECONOMIST" SAYS:

AMERICA READY TO RECOGNISE PEKING ON CONDITIONS

London, April 16.

"The Economist" today suggested that the United States would be ready to recognise Communist China and accept its representatives in the United Nations if the new regime adopted certain minimum standards of international behaviour.

"The Economist" named minimum standards as only if these Chinese attempt no adventures in South East Asia and if they are ready to trade on the basis of mutual respect.

PEKING "PEACE" CAMPAIGN

San Francisco, April 16.

One of the Communists' chief propagandists declared today that the "American plot to turn China into an anti-Soviet base" has been defeated and at the same time attacked the British and Dutch Governments' "obstruction of peace."

Liu Ning-ye, Vice-President of the All-China Federation of Labour, made the remarks in a special article published in the "Peking People's Daily News" and broadcast by Peking Radio.

The article helped to inaugurate a new "peace page" which will be published once monthly devoted to furthering world peace.

Liu said that two world conferences which were convened in Peking a few months ago—Asian-Australasian Trade Union conference and the Asian Women's Conference—will be of great significance in furthering the development of the national liberation movement throughout the East and will also serve as a more powerful guarantee to the world peace movement.

He said that despite American, British and Dutch machinations the "two great peoples of China and the Soviet Union 700,000,000 strong are sincerely united and co-operating."—United Press.

Commenting on Mr. Dean Acheson's Berkeley speech and the appointment of Mr. John Foster Dulles as an adviser, the periodical said this of American policy in Asia:

"The policy is based upon three principles of which the first determines the rest.

"It is quite simply that a vast revolution is in progress among the peoples of Asia whose aim is to secure national independence and economic and social advance. Both these aims are entirely consistent with the designs of American policy and both in their genuine forms can count upon American interest and support.

"Mr. Acheson clearly does not shrink more radical aspects of this vast revolution. He supports the Asian people not only in their desire for independence but also in more controversial aims, such as better education and more widespread ownership of land.

One exception

"To this general principle there is one exception. The Chinese revolution has been sidetracked by the Communists in a blind alley of Soviet domination. The American aim is therefore modified."

"The Economist" commented that with the one exception of Soviet domination, the United States supports the new Asian States wholeheartedly in their desire for independence.

The periodical listed the remaining two principles of American policy in Asia:

1.—"The United States will be ready to adapt its assistance to accord most fully with local needs.

UN framework

2.—"The development of Asia's economic and social resources should be assisted by the free nations, working in concert, offering not only economic aid but also their technical and administrative resources and fitting their programme into the larger framework of the United Nations."

"The Economist" continued: "This, then, is the ground plan of an American policy for Asia upon which a bipartisan edifice may now be built.

"A bipartisan policy for Asia sets a pattern not only for the United States, but for the rest of the free nations. They in turn, must consider the new lead they are being given and assess its strength and weakness."—Associated Press.

Spy charge by Bucharest

Bucharest, April 16.

An influential Bucharest newspaper today accused the former head of the United States Information Service in Bucharest and certain officials of the USIS of espionage.

The Government organ "Universul" made the charge in comment on the Rumanian answer to the American protest against the recent closing-down of USIS in Bucharest. The newspaper charged, "A shadow was thrown upon the personal activities of certain officials of the Information Service, including its former head, Frank Shea, by the important part they played in espionage committed by traitors and conspirators convicted in recent trials held in our country."

It said the closure of USIS was "a measure favourable to international peace and co-operation because the entire activities of the office were conducted in a hostile spirit towards the Rumanian people's republic."—United Press.

JAP CHINAWARE INDUSTRY

Tokyo, April 16.

Japan's chinaware industry, hard hit by closed Asiatic continental markets as a result of the war, can survive only by increasing shipments to the United States and Canada, according to Ipppei Yano, a director of Japan's Foreign Trade Association.

Mr. Yano pointed out that continental markets, such as Manchuria and China, which constituted the second largest outlet—next only to the United States—for Japan's chinaware, will not be reopened on a pre-war scale for some time.—United Press.

Preparing the way



Miss Nina Mavel, elephant trainer, swoops into the lions' den on a 15-foot slide during rehearsals with a German circus recently. When the lions have become accustomed to the new trick, Nina will be replaced by a trapeze artist, who will finish his performance with a decent by trapeze into the den. Nina is going back to her elephants, she says that lions are stupid.—(AP Photo).

Konrad Adenauer's Berlin mission

Berlin, April 16.

The West German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, arrived in Berlin by air today to press for unification of Germany through free elections through all Germany.

In an apparent attempt to counteract the propaganda value of Dr. Adenauer's demand, the East German President, Wilhelm Pieck, also called for an all-German plebiscite to unify this split nation.

Dr. Adenauer made it clear on his arrival that his trip is also intended to tighten ties between the Western sectors of Berlin and the Federal Republic, even though West Berlin is not part of the Republic. He said at the airport, "I feel as much at home in Berlin as in any town in the West German Federal Republic."

Thousands of Berliners gathered before the United States Air Force's Tempelhof airfield and along the streets leading to it to greet the Chancellor on his first trip to Berlin.

Before leaving for Moscow today, Mr. Pieck had said German unity could be re-established through an all-German plebiscite, conclusion of a democratic peace treaty and withdrawal of the occupation troops. His statement, published in the "Tagliche Rundschau," official Soviet Army newspaper, was seen as a Soviet attempt to counter the appeal for unity which Dr. Adenauer was said to be ready to deliver during his three-day visit.

Dr. Adenauer was greeted at the airport by the Mayor of West Berlin, Ernst Reuter, the City Assembly Speaker, Otto Suhr, Deputy Mayor, Louise Schroeder, and other officials. He was accompanied by the Minister of Economics, Ludwig Erhard, the Justice Minister, Dr. Thomas

Suspected smallpox in British ship

Liverpool, April 16.

A five-year-old British boy, suffering from suspected smallpox, was taken to hospital from the 11,157-ton British liner Cilicia when she docked here from Bombay today.

The Cilicia had called at Karachi and at Aden. Passengers from the liner will be kept under observation. Medical officers in the various parts of Britain to which they are travelling have been notified. They number 300. In another of Britain's major ports—Glasgow—six people died recently during a smallpox outbreak. The outbreak sent nearly 1,000,000 people into vaccination queues and brought into force stringent precautions to keep the disease under control.

The West of Scotland area, in which Glasgow lies, is expected to be declared free of smallpox this week-end.—Reuter.

LEOPOLD OFFER REACTION

Brussels, April 16.

The Belgian Catholic Party's Executive today described King Leopold's broadcast offer last night to hand over his Royal prerogatives temporarily to his son as contrary to the initiatives of the party, but it paid homage to the high sentiments expressed in the King's message and to the sovereign's desire to reconcile the Belgian people.

The leading Catholic newspaper, "Le Soir," reaffirmed its views that the provisionally exiled King's return to the throne must be unconditional.

Catholic leaders interviewed by the newspaper were quoted as saying that they considered the King's offer to transfer his powers for the time being to his 19-year-old son, Prince Baudouin, as unconstitutional.

The attitude of the main anti-Leopold party, the Socialists, is not expected to be known until tomorrow, when the party's Executive will meet to consider the new situation created by the King's offer.

According to the anti-Leopold Brussels newspaper, "Le Soir," Belgian Socialists would insist on a clarification of a number of points in the King's message, especially those regarding the guarantee of the rights of the anti-Leopold minority.

According to reports from all parts of the country, every single Belgian radio appeared to have been tuned in to the King's recorded broadcast.

In the larger cities there were traffic jams as motorists with car radios pulled into the kerb to allow passers-by to listen.—Reuter.

POPE'S AUDIENCE FOR PILGRIMS

Vatican City, April 16.

The Pope held a 35-minute general audience today for 35,000 Holy Year pilgrims.

Five hundred English Catholic Girl Guides were in the audience. Other nationalities represented included Italian, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Brazilian and French.

A group of Italian children attending their first Holy Communion presented the smiling Pontiff with a young snow-white lamb as a gift of devotion.

Four thousand pilgrims from the Italian city of Viterbo, including all municipal officials, also attended the audience.

The Pope was carried through the throng on his portable throne and later pronounced his blessings in six languages—English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian.—Associated Press.



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British experiment in Europeanisation of former enemies

Beaconsfield, April 17.

In a small temporary village of clean, bleak Quonset huts, like similar war-bred villages all over the western world, an experiment in Europeanisation has gone on since 1945.

It is Wilton Park, a British Foreign Office centre conducted in Germany, which brings Germans to "neutral ground." The "members" relaxed from the tensions of life in Germany, attend seminars and discussions designed to help them understand other Germans and other Europeans.

Dr. Hans Koeppler, German-born Oxford-bred scholar who runs Wilton Park, describes the centre as a cleansing process.

"It lets the German get out of himself for a few weeks," he said. "He realises that the rest of the world is willing to give him an even break, that he will neither be discriminated against nor babied."

"Most Germans feel isolated, feel that Germany is a world by itself, for good or evil. We want to give them a feeling of being part of Europe, with all its privileges and responsibilities."

Representative groups

Dr. Koeppler tries to get Germans from as widely spread groups as possible. A recent four week group of about 60 contained a few students, several trade unionists, teachers, housewives, and Government officials.

There are few business or professional men, because they find it difficult to leave their work for such a long period. The aim is to recruit, through German municipalities and British occupation authorities, any Germany likely to wield political influence.

"What for—to make good Englishmen out of us?" many suspicious candidates ask.

Dr. Koeppler and his staff of tutors say that Wilton Park's only goal is to make the members of the centre good Europeans.

"Lecture with discussion" is the Wilton Park system in a nutshell. Members of the

staff, mostly young dons borrowed from Oxford and Cambridge, lecture on their specialties, and many famous public figures give guest lectures.

Seminars, organised by the staff but conducted by the members, take up the argument. The Germans this reporter saw in seminars showed no timidity in expressing their views on the most controversial subjects.

Free to speak

"It's wonderful," said a young blonde office worker, "to be able to sit so calmly across the table from professors and labourers and talk about things that matter to all of us. We never could in Germany."

One or two days a week small groups of the members visit British institutions of particular interest to them. Eight or ten public servants inspected the Beaconsfield housing estate one day, while a group of engineers toured a factory and anyone who was interested might go through Radio House, home of the BBC.

During its sessions, many Wilton Park members visit Parliament and the leading parties headquarters.

Dr. Koeppler has no illusions that Wilton Park, or a 100 Wilton Parks spread over Europe—which he would like to see—will prevent a third world war. "But what is your alternative?" he asked squarely. "I see the world heading down the same path of polarisation which it travelled before 1939, and I intend to do whatever I can to stop it."

After the first four years, the results are beginning to show. Seventeen Wilton Park clubs have been formed in Germany of "alumni" who try to keep alive the spirit of active discussion and responsible action upon public issues.—United Press.



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Probe of British plane explosion extends to Paris

London, April 16. French and British police have linked efforts to find the cause and motive for the suspected sabotage explosion last Thursday in a British Viking airliner carrying an American Marshall Plan official and 27 other passengers from London to Paris.

The explosion was at first thought to have been caused by lightning striking the after-fuselage. The air hostess of the aircraft was injured in the explosion.

It was confirmed in London today that Mr. Ralph Strauss, special assistant to the Marshall Plan's American Ambassador, Mr. Averell Harriman, was aboard the Viking, which was forced back to Northolt Airport by the explosion.

Mr. Strauss told Reuters in Paris that he had not been approached by either Scotland Yard or the French Surete. He paid tribute to the aircraft's pilot, Captain Harvey, saying that if it had not been for his ability to bring the aircraft down with its rudder out of action none of the passengers would be alive today.

A report that British Military Intelligence had been called to help in the investigation because of the presence of aliens among the Viking's passengers was later denied by British European Airways.

The probability of sabotage brought from the Aeronautical Engineers Association, tonight a demand that a public enquiry should be made into a complaint from British Overseas Airways.

employees that nationalised aviation is riddled with prominent Communists.

Communists on airfield staffs

The Association heard evidence that many BOAC and BEA airfield staffs have Communist trade union officials on their staff since 1946.

Ministry of Civil Aviation and BEA officials late today continued their detailed examination of the damaged Viking, which was towed away and locked up under heavy guard after its return to base on Thursday.

They had not yet determined what type of explosive was planted in the plane's toilet that blew a hole in the fuselage, breaking the arm of the blonde stewardess, Miss Gramsle, in her quarters near the cockpit bar.

The passengers, most of whom went on to Paris by another aircraft, included a French Foreign Ministry official, Mr. Tyberghen, Reuters.

HUNT FOR SUNKEN TREASURE

Tobermory, April 16. Royal Navy technicians, manning suction pumps which fling an incredible quantity of mud hope to come to grips with a Spanish galleon tomorrow.

For some weeks divers have been trying to clear silt away from a wreck sunk off the West coast of Scotland. According to legends of the region, it is the Armada galleon *Florencia* which foundered with a load of gold in the 16th Century. The gold, again according to the legend, was to pay Spanish sailors.

The effort to recover the wreck is being undertaken by the Navy in collaboration with the Duke of Argyll who, according to old British law, would be the owner of any treasure found.

Divers have found a wreck of some sort but needed more powerful pumps to suck away the silt. They are now in place.

The romantic search for ancient treasure has gripped the imagination of holiday crowds. Operations can be seen from a pier.

Yesterday the pumps were tried out, with little apparent success. The method is to squirt mud and water at a net suspended from boats. Solid objects are caught by the net and examined carefully.

As yet there has been no conclusive evidence that the wreck is one of the Armada galleons but the Navy says there is something down there.

"It's a light against silt. It drifts in just about as fast as we pump it out," said Lieutenant-Comman-

GENERAL PROPOSES:

SECURITY SYSTEM IN MIDDLE EAST

London, April 16.

The establishment of a Middle Eastern security system as the counterpart to the Atlantic Pact is one of the proposals of the Royal Institute of International Affairs' latest publication, on "United Kingdom policy".

Major-General Sir Ian Jacob, military assistant to the Secretary of War, said that since conventional all-out war is a possibility Middle Eastern bases might be necessary for offensive operations.

He suggested new and better arrangements for the future and listed the following main lines of action:

1. Full support to Turkey to enable her at least to maintain her neutrality.
2. The presence in the Middle East of sufficient American and Commonwealth forces to back up the combined strength of the Middle Eastern States and to act as a strong deterrent to any Russian move in that direction.
3. Well-organised administrative and operational bases from which the combined forces could co-operate and be supplied.

4. Insistence on sound discipline of the former Italian colonies.

5. Russian influence in all shapes and forms to be kept out of Africa.

General Jacob argued that the emergence of Africa as an area of great strategic value had added new importance to the West's interest in the Middle East.

Integrity must be maintained

"Britain requires a peaceful, contented and prosperous Africa and must, if necessary, fight in the Middle East to ensure this requirement," he said.

"The friendship of the Middle Eastern states, linked as they are with the peoples of the Indian Ocean, is important. Their stability and integrity must be maintained."

The writer also said that the dependence of Britain and her

Western Allies on the oil of the Persian Gulf and Iraq is probably as great as it is not greater than Russian dependence on the oil of Baku. Safeguarding of sea and air routes to India, Australia and the Far East, and the fact that the Middle East forms a barrier preventing access by Russia to the Indian Ocean, are two more reasons for a Middle Eastern defence pact.

However, General Jacob equated "States which make up the Middle East are weak and of doubtful stability and it seems unlikely, even if dissension caused by events in Palestine were to die away, that they could guarantee their own security. Stiffening from outside is necessary. It is high time the Palestine issue was finally settled and a regional security system was brought into being to form a counterpart of the Atlantic Treaty."—United Press.

JORDAN SENATE DISSOLVED

Amman, April 16.

King Abdullah of Jordan dissolved the Jordan Senate by Royal decree today. A new Senate is expected to be appointed shortly by him. It will have 20 members, 10 of them from Palestine.

The new Parliament will meet on April 24.—Associated Press.

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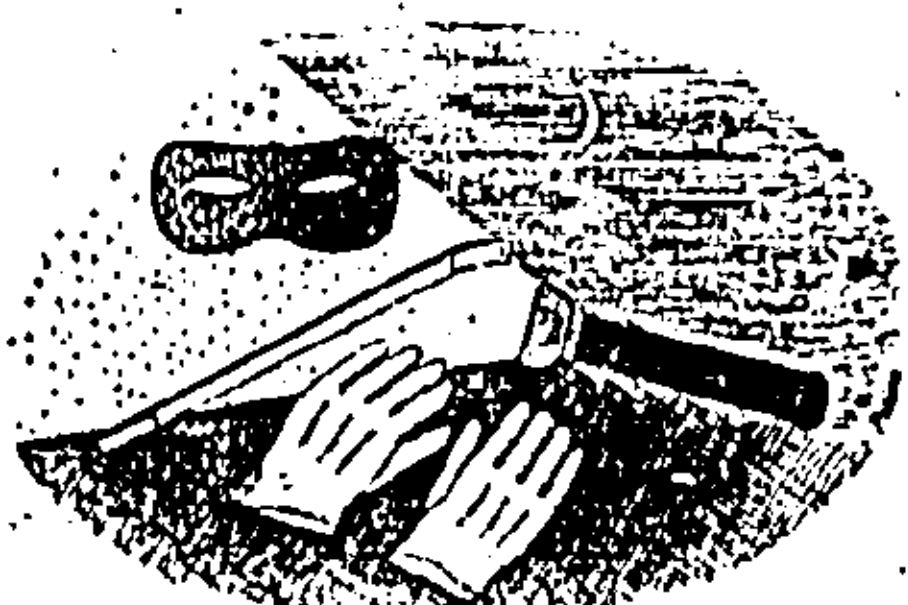
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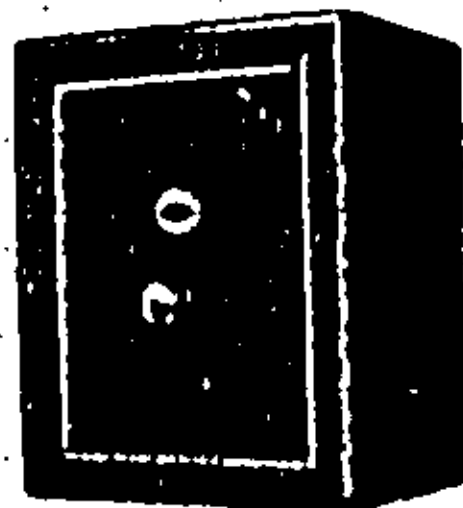


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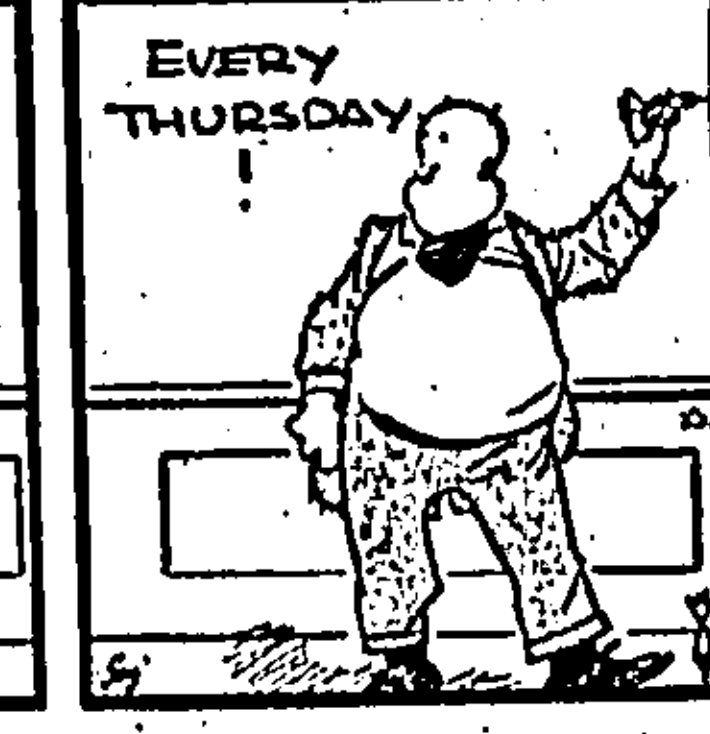
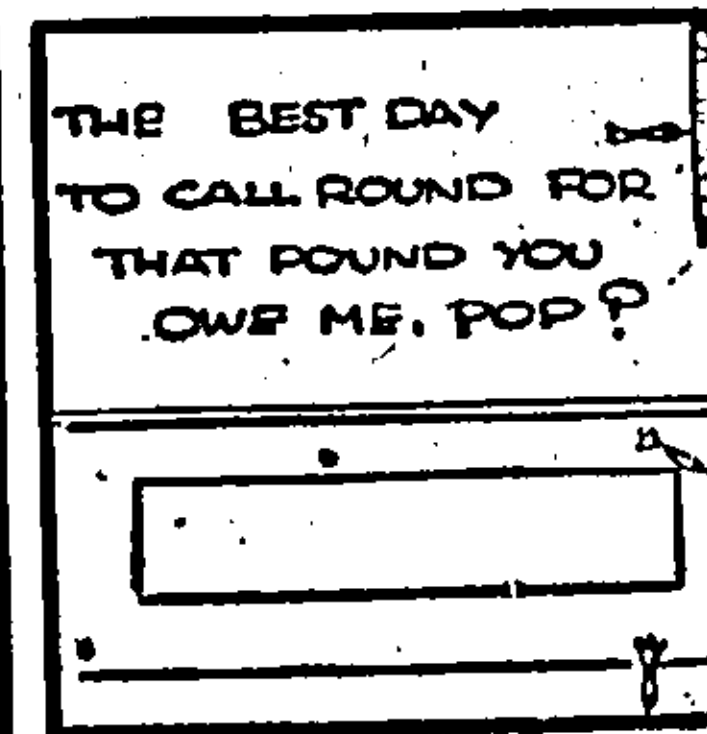
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"HUNAN"	Tsingtao & Tientsin	5 p.m. 23rd Apr.
"SHANSI"	Bangkok	24th Apr.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 25th Apr.
"SZECHUEN"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 30th Apr.

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"SHANSI"	Kobe	21st Apr.
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"CHANGTE"	Sydney, Brisbane, Cairns & Manila	23rd Apr.
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ASIA-PACIFIC UNION NOW NEARER REALITY

The Philippines has been trying for a year to work up enthusiasm for a political, economic and cultural organisation of Asian and Pacific countries. The project now seems to be nearing fruition. A Philippines Foreign Office spokesman said a meeting of interested nations to form such a union has tentatively been fixed for late April or early May at Baguio, Northern Luzon.

BRITISH NEWSMEN ATTACKED

Trieste, April 16. Twenty Italian journalists tonight drove in procession out of the Yugoslav zone of Trieste in protest against alleged attacks on visiting journalists during today's elections.

One Italian journalist was reported to have been injured by a pen-knife, and three Italians and two British journalists were said to have had their cars damaged by stone-throwers.

Slavs and Italians went to the polls today in an orderly fashion to elect new district authorities for the Yugoslav zone of Trieste.

More than half of the 41,000 electors had registered their votes by midday.

This 200-square-mile, barren stretch of Adriatic coastline, with a mixed Italian and Slav population, is at present in the limelight as a bone of contention between Italy and Marshall Tito.

But the future of the zone was not an issue in these local elections.

The Italo-Slovene Front, dominated by Yugoslav Communists put up candidates for each of the 202 seats.

Two Opposition parties—the Socialists, who want Trieste to remain a free territory, and the Christian Socialists, who wish it to return to Italy—put forward nine and six candidates respectively.

Nearly 30 Italian and foreign journalists were allowed to inspect the polling everywhere in the zone.

Opponents of Marshal Tito's People's Front did not complain of today's actual election technique, but claimed that the elections were not really free.

The small number of people registered to vote at polling stations—fewer than 200 in some cases—made it easier, it was claimed, to guess the identity of those who voted against the Front and many feared reprisals.—Reuter.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns or failure to attend the survey.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on April 18, 1950, at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignee must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned within four days of the ship's arrival, or they will not be recognised.

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TRUMAN SCHEME WARNING

Philadelphia, April 16.

Dr. Alan Valentine, President of the University of Rochester, warned yesterday that President Truman's Point Four programme will become a major failure in American diplomacy unless it soon becomes a working reality.

Dr. Valentine told the annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences that delays between proposal and performance in the Point Four programme have brought great disappointments and even dangers.

The Truman proposal raised excessive hopes. In countries to be aided their ignorance gave them no realistic understanding of the slowness and difficulties of economic progress. Impatience and disappointment has led toward cynicism about American promises.

Dr. Valentine said the next step should be an official statement of American policy and procedure under Point Four. He added, however, that such statement must be sufficiently detailed to answer questions of procedure still under debate.—United Press.

Man sentenced for fraud

Because he wished to get the full price for goods he had obtained by false pretence, resulted in Lam Choi, aged 25, appearing before Mr. Hing-shing Lo at Central yesterday charged with obtaining goods by false pretences.

Sub-Inspector Yuen said that the defendant and two others not in custody went to Ma Sing, master of a junk, at the Tung Li Chau Pier, Main Street, West, on March 24 and by pretending that they were sent by Ko Sing, a pig dealer, obtained two pigs.

The men sold the pigs to the Hang Lee Loan of 15, Centre Street for HK\$37.05. They were given \$200 and told to return the same afternoon for the remainder of the money.

Meanwhile Ko Sing had discovered that someone had taken the pigs, which he had paid for, and the Police were informed. Inquiries at the various inn led to the arrest of the defendant when he returned to the Hang Lee Loan to receive the remainder of the money.

The defendant, at a previous hearing pleaded not guilty saying that he had been sent by a man to collect the money. Yesterday he changed his plea to guilty and asked for leniency.

For snatching a handbag from a woman, Wong Sing aged 19, was sentenced to six months hard labour by Mr. J. Reynolds at Central yesterday. Defendant was also ordered to receive six strokes of the cane.

Others interested

Some degree of interest has also been indicated by Australia, New Zealand and Burma. Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia in Indo-China are also counted upon, but their participation depends on developments in that strife-ridden country.

India and Pakistan are still question marks. No one here knows what the Indian Premier, Jawaharlal Nehru, will decide about joining the union.

South Korea and Nationalist China are, of course, anxious for a military alliance against Communism. They have not been ruled out of the union plan, but they would probably get a cold shoulder in any effort to make it an armed pact.

Japan is out of the union, at least until a peace treaty is signed.

CANTONESE BY RADIO

BY S.K. LEE

Lesson 34 (E)

Vocabulary:
174. (tsu) dzoh(2)
Combinations:
6. Dzoh(2) deo(1).
General Expressions:
56. Dui(3) (1)m (3)lue.

A Story: (Continued)
27. (2)kul (3)dzau dah(2)-
(3)deen-wah(2) wun(2).
(2)kul-deo(1) (1)pung-
(3)day bay(3) dro(1)
(2)ych (2)kul (3)huk.
28. (3)Daan (3)hah, (2)kul-
(3)day (3)haam (3)baang-
(3)laang doh(1) (3)wah
(1)m-duk(1)haan (1)lul
geen(3) (2)kul.
29. Gum(2), (2)kul (3)dzau
(3)dzoe-gay(2) hui(3)
wun(2) (2)kul (3)day
30. (2)kul wun(2)-doh(2)
yut(1)gaw(2) (1)pung-
(2)yu.
31. (2)kul (3)wah: (2)Ngay
hoh(2) (2)toh (3)ngaw
ah(3).
32. Tai(2) (2)day bay(2)
deo(1): (2)ych, (3)ngaw
(3)huk-lah(1).
33. (3)Daan (3)hah, (2)kul-
gaw(3) (1)pung (2)yu
(3)wah: Dui(3)-lul
(3)hah.
34. (2)Ngay (2)ych-ling(1)
(3)huk-lah(2) (3)laan
loh(3).
35. "Daan(2)-yay(2) (2)day
(1)m-doh(2)-deo(1) (1)lul
deh(1)!"

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He telephoned to try to contact his friends to ask them to give him some food.
But they all said they were too busy to come to see him.
Consequently, he then went himself to look for them.
He found one friend.
He said: "I'm very hungry."
"Please give me some food."
But his friend said:
"I beg your pardon!"
"I've already had my meal."
"Why didn't you come earlier?"

Air Force's training of conscripts

London, April 16. Conscripts called up for the Royal Air Force may now be able to train as pilots, aircrew engineers or gunners during their compulsory 18 months in uniform.

The Air Ministry today announced special training facilities for 200 conscript engineers and 220 gunners in addition to the 300 now trained as pilots each year.

The RAF expect to train a gunner in four months and an aircrew engineer in six months. When they pass they may join operational crews.—Reuter.

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Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 840 kilocycles per second and on 982 megacycles per second in the 41 metre band.

11 K.T.
12.10—Broadcast for Schools—History—"I Was There"—The English Civil War—"We Were Divided" (NBCS).
12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
12.32—Light Piano Parade With Barry Gray Allen and His Rhythm.
12.45—Melodie from British Radio—George Crow and His Blue Marliners Dance Orchestra and Barbara Summer (NBCS).
1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25—Interlude.
1.30—London Studio Melodie—The London Light Orchestra (NBCS).
2.00—Classical.
2.05—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
2.07—Music and Song of Eric Coles.
2.20—Organ Solo by G.D. Cunningham.
2.30—Cartoon by Radio-Glen by Miss Lee Wai Lan and S.K. Lee (Studio).
2.50—Grand Symphony Orchestra.
3.15—Letter for America—By Allstar Cooke (London Relay).
3.30—Songs and Stories—Favourites by Allen Woods (Studio).
3.50—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).
4.15—The Gilberts at the Hammond Organ (Relay from the Forces Education Centre).
4.30—"The Blue Danube"—The True Story of the Strauss Family and their Contemporaries (Ep. 48).
5.00—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).
5.15—Weather Report.
5.30—Piano Recital by Wong Kuk Ying (Studio).
5.45—Interlude.
5.50—"Dancing Time"—With the Dance Orchestra of the South Staffordshire Regiment (Relay from the Forces Education Centre).
6.00—"In the Balance"—A Story from the Midlands by Dorothy Baker. Read by Pamela Mant (NBCS).
6.05—"Time for Music"—BBC Midland Light Orchestra (NBCS).
6.15—London Promenade Orchestra.
6.30—Radio News Red (London Relay).
6.45—Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain (Recorded Relay).
7.00—Close Down.

Rediffusion

A.M.—Up With The Sun.
7.15—Setting Up Exercises.
7.30—Musical Clock.
7.45—Ed. A. Keller Programme.
8.00—News & Weather Forecast.
8.15—Main Concert Players.
8.30—Morning Music.
9.30—Tuesday's Favourite Classics.
10.30—Morning Melody.
P.M.
12.00—H.K. Stock Exchange.
12.10—D.B.T. Broadcast.
12.30—Light Music.
1.00—Swing.
1.15—News.
1.30—From The Shows.
2.00—Variety Gals: The Tune.
4.00—The Novelties Trio.
4.15—Tropicans.
4.30—Vocality Vars.
5.00—Music Masters.
5.15—Children's Corner.
5.20—Movie Time.
5.30—Thursdays Singers.
5.45—Ten Ming-Eng Singers.
7.00—The Waltz King.
7.15—Melodrama—Concerto in E Minor.
7.45—Listen to Leibert.
8.00—D.B.C. News.
8.10—Local News.
8.15—D.B.T. News and His Orchestra.
8.30—Rediffusion Request Show.
9.00—The Stars Sing.
9.15—Festival of Waltzes.
9.30—"Free For All".
10.00—D.B.C. News.
10.10—Local News.
10.15—Relay.
11.00—Tex Benke Show.
11.15—Magic and Moonlight.
11.30—Date with Dreamland.
11.45—Standart.
12.00—Close Down.

FRESH FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices realised at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday were—

	price	average
Other Groupers	12.40	12.54
Flat Fish	12.20	12.15
Snapper	1.15	1.07
Golden Thread	1.10	1.12
Horse Head (large)	1.05	1.03
(small)	1.00	1.02
Red Sea Bream (large)	1.15	1.04
(small)	1.10	1.03

Pleading guilty to a charge of embezzlement, Cheung Sul, aged 24, was sentenced to three months hard labour by Mr. J. Reynolds at Central yesterday.

Defendant, Sub-Inspector Van for the prosecution said that defendant was engaged by Tam Tong as a cashier in his office. Between January 31 and April 15, this year, defendant collected \$100.00 from various customers but failed to hand the money to complainant.



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s.s. "CANTON"	9th June	16th July
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s.s. "SHILLONG"	21st April	Kobe & Yokohama.

HOMEWARDS	LEAVES HONGKONG	FOR
s.s. "SHILLONG"	11th May	London & Continent.
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CHINA PEANUTS FOR AMERICA

Washington, April 17. The Agriculture Department has agreed to hold up at least until next week an order which would permit the import of peanuts from Communist China, Representative Cooley, North Carolina Democrat, said today.

Mr. Cooley, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, said in a statement that the Department plan will remove peanuts from import controls and permit the entry of nuts from China.

Peanuts are under price support and marketing quota laws. Their production has been reduced about 40 per cent in the past two years. Peanuts and other oil bearing materials have been under import controls and importation has been barred several years.

Mr. Cooley estimated that peanut production at about three times this country's. There are import applications on file for more than 100,000 tons. Associated Press.

U.S. EXPORT OF TEXTILES DOWN

Washington, April 16. Sharp drops in cotton cloth exports to the Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia, among other countries, caused U.S. exports of this textile in January and February to slide 62.5 per cent under the comparable period for 1949.

The Office of International Trade, U.S. Department of Commerce, reported today that only 71,478,000 square yards of cotton cloth left this country in the first two months this year compared with 100,494,000 square yards last year.

The Philippines took 3,747,000 square yards in January and February compared with 20,818,000 square yards for the first two months last year. Other countries took 68,731,000 square yards. Indonesia, 4,023,000 square yards in January and February 1950. Thailand received 1,881,000 square yards to 6,844,000 square yards for the two months period.

Canada, Iran and Mexico, Union of South Africa and the Belgian Congo also moved heavy imports of American textiles.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE

AMERICAN BUSINESS A PICTURE OF VITALITY

New York, April 16.

Encouraged by a series of flattering Government reports, United States business and industry was a picture of strength and vitality the past week.

Steel mills produced the second largest tonnage in the history of that premier American industry. Motor car production climbed close to levels prevailing before the Chrysler strike late in January.

Building construction—the third member of the team that has provided solid leadership for the national economy—set a fast spring pace that topped the record performance of a year ago.

Retail trade, important barometer of overall business conditions again flashed cautionary signals. From reports at hand, there was no appreciable pick-up in demand for the slow moving lines of merchandise that gave store people trouble all through the Easter season.

But demand for such hard goods as television sets, cars, paint, new furniture and appliances which has kept overall retail trade at exceptionally high levels for many months, showed little if any sign of slackening.

Steel production was 1,864,300 tons, best since the record high of 1,880,400 tons in March last year.

Vigorous activity in Ford and General Motors plants and good work in the independents brought out a total of 147,657 car and truck units despite the Chrysler strike. Last week, 133,172 units were produced. A year ago, it was 132,128.

Industrial building projects cleared this week were somewhat under the big total of the previous week but were higher than a year ago.

Home building continued an unbroken climb to new highs. The Bureau of Labor Statistics announced: approximately 110,000 non-farm dwellings were started in March, making it the top home building month in history—38 per cent higher than February and 59 per cent higher than March last year.

Good outlook
All available evidence pointed to an even larger number of starts in these early weeks of April, placing the industry in an excellent position to chalk up another high peak in the second quarter.

Modest declines from the previous week were reported for freight carloadings, soft coal output, paper production, electric power output and turn shipments. Business failures were a trifle higher.

There was another decline in business loans. A drop of \$81,000,000 carried the total outstanding to \$13,721,000,000, lowest since last November and a decline of nearly a billion dollars from the amount outstanding at this time a year ago.

Bankers have an assortment of reasons for the decline in loans to businessmen, but more often than not it hinges on the overall demand.

Economic reforms in Greece

Athens, April 17. King Paul formally opened Parliament today with a speech promising economic reforms aimed at soaking the rich and relieving the hardships of the poor.

Outlining the broad reforms of the new coalition government headed by the left of center leader, Mr. Nikolaos Plastiras, King Paul said his ministers would operate "most closely" with the American aid mission here.

He said: "The United States is sending its generous help and material aid for which the Greek people are fully grateful."

Indicating the Plastiras Government would grant an amnesty of clemency to political prisoners, the King said: "The state will be magnanimous but simultaneously, awake and strong. The Government will submit to Parliament measures for the restoration of unity."

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Sterling opened at HK\$16.43 and closed at \$13.50.

Australian pounds were stationary at HK\$12.60.

Plastics continued nominal at HK\$11.00.

Ticals at HK\$26.50 a 100, and NEI Guilders at HK\$4.50 a 100, were unchanged from last Saturday.

Washington, April 16.

Japan supplied almost half of United Kingdom imports of 309,000,000 square yards of gray cotton cloth in 1949, the "Foreign Commerce Weekly" said today. The cloth was processed and re-exported to colonial and other markets.—Associated Press.

Economic conference opens in Tokyo

Tokyo, April 17.

General MacArthur's Chief of Staff told the delegates to the U.S. economic-commercial conference which opened here today that United States aid to Japan might become unnecessary within the "next two or three years."

General MacArthur presented his views at the opening of the five-day conference to discuss means of promoting greater prosperity and trade in non-Communist Asia.

He suggested to the delegates from Washington and 12 United States diplomatic posts in Asia the need for a master plan for economic co-operation in Asia to help contain the Communist advance within China.

The officials met this morning behind the guarded doors of the Allied Occupation Council Chamber under the chairmanship of Mr. William J. Sebald, acting United States political adviser for Japan.

Major General E. M. Almond gave an encouraging report on Japan's economic progress to the delegates.

An official communique from the closed sessions indicated that any scheme evolved here would be based on private rather than government controlled trade.

The Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Thomas C. Blaisdell, told the delegates that the "internal problem of trade business has been solved to the point where private trade can expand more rapidly in taking over trade dominated and controlled by governments since the war."

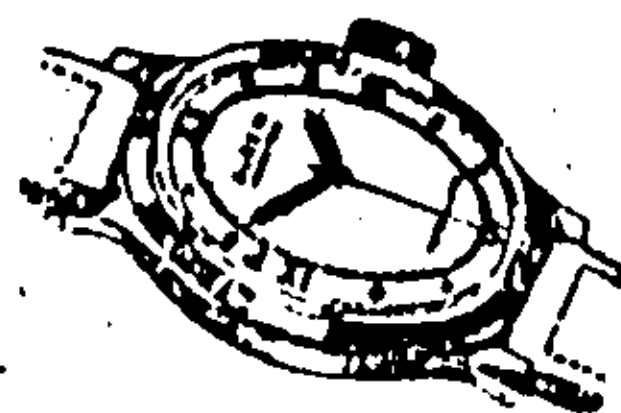
The communique said the American economists got down to detailed study during the first two hours of the opening session on the "prospects and methods of developing intra-regional trade, possibilities for sound expansion of production of foodstuffs and raw materials in countries of the area and for export and import tariffs and controls."

Japan's contribution

Japan's potential contribution to the economic independence and consequent political stability through the export of manufactured goods and heavy buying of the area's raw materials occupied a large part of the first day's session.

General Almond, Mr. Russell H. Allen, Acting Foreign Trade Adviser for SCAP, and Lieutenant Colonel W. C. Schuyler, Chief of Cultural Resources, reported on Japan.

General Almond reported that United States aid to Japan had dropped from nearly \$500,000,000 in 1945 to \$100,000,000 in 1949. He said that the United States had been unable to find a market for the surplus goods and materials which had been produced in the United States during the war.



BUREN

THE PERFECT
SWISS WATCH

IP BEATS PAKISTAN ACE IN RETURN MATCH

(By "ARGONAUT")

Ip Koon-hung, the Colony tennis singles champion, squared accounts with Pakistan's No. 1 Davis Cupper, I. Ahmed at the Chinese Recreation Club yesterday, beating his erstwhile conqueror, 9-7 and 6-4.

In a one-set match, S. M. Alam, the other Pakistani Davis Cup representative edged out Tsui Yun-pui by 6-4, after the latter had led by 3-1.

The Doubles match between Ip and Edwin Tsui on one side and Ahmed and Tsui Wai-pui on the other was called off at 3-3, when a downpour made further play impossible.

In spite of overhanging clouds that were threatening to oust any time, a fairly good crowd turned out for yesterday's series of exhibition games. The main attraction, of course was the return singles encounter between Ip Koon-hung and I. Ahmed. In a previous game, played at the Cricket Club grass court, Ip was beaten 6-8 and 3-6.

Showing improved courtcraft, the local champion avenged his previous defeat with a two-set win after nearly an hour's grueling struggle.

In fairness to Ahmed, it was conspicuously noticeable that with his heavier build, he was greatly handicapped by the wet condition of the court. Inability to get the proper balance, inability to net or overhit his shots on many occasions, he was visibly tired, affected perhaps by the strenuous programme he had been undergoing.

To give Ip, however, his proper due, it must be admitted he was playing much better than he did in the first match. Yesterday saw him put over some deep backhand cross-court cuts, although his similar strokes on the forehand probably still need a little more depth.

Shots find mark

His short-length side-line passing shots invariably found their mark, out of Ahmed's reach, or forcing him to return with defensive half-volleys. A tactic, however, which paid Ip higher dividends yesterday were his services to Ahmed's backhand, which was only prevented from employing his devastating forehand drives to the services, but also forced him into repeated errors.

The opening game on Ip's service went to Ahmed after three deuces. Two good services, a deep backhand cross drive, and a drop volley gave Ahmed a love service game and a lead of 2-0. Ip then served again to a deuce score, before Ahmed netted a backhand cross from Ip and hit out Ip's service to his backhand.

Ahmed held his service on the fourth game and so did Ip in the fifth. Four backhand errors on Ahmed's part, allowed Ip to break through his service on the sixth game and even the score 3-3.

Ip then forged ahead to 4-3 after a deuce game as Ahmed hit wide a backhand side-line drive and netted a forehand drive after deuce was called. Each then held his service until 0-7 when Ahmed after serving an ace, relapsed into four successive errors to give Ip the first set.

Second set

The second set started in a slight drizzle, with Ip serving forcefully to a love game. Two long deuce games followed, followed each ending with the server, Ahmed, with delightful

angled drives and volleys took the next two games to lead 3-2. Ip countered by taking the following two games to lead again 4-3.

Ahmed drew up 4-4, only to see Ip's service to his backhand reaping four points in succession for the ninth game. After scoring the first point with a deep backhand cross on the 10th game, Ahmed fell again into four successive errors to concede the set and match to Ip by 6-4.

The one-set match between Tsui Yun-pui and S. M. Alam, resolved itself into a base-line duel between the two players, with each trying to score with deep short cross followed by side-line drives. Alam with powerful services took the first set, but striking a brilliant patch Tsui took the next three games in a row by 50-30, 50-15 and 5-15. With steady backhand drives, Alam gradually caught up to 3-3 and forged ahead to 4-3. Tsui took the eighth game but Alam topped home with the next two games for set.

Full scores

S. M. Alam beat Tsui Yun-pui, 6-4.

Ip Koon-hung beat I. Ahmed, 9-7, 6-4.

I. Ahmed and Tsui Wai-pui drew with K. H. Ip and E. Tsai, 3-5 (abandoned).

GUSSIE MORAN WINS AT NICE

Nice, April 16. Miss "Gussie" Moran, the United States lawn tennis star, today won the women's singles event in the Nice International tournament.

In the final she overwhelmed her French opponent, Mile Josette Amoreux, by 6-0 and 6-0. The 21-year-old American, who is the All-American Men's singles final, beating Tony Trabert, 10-year-old Cincinnati University student, by 6-2 and 6-4.—Reuter.

SIDWELL WINS IN ROME

Rome, April 16. Australia's Bill Sidwell was the only seeded player engaged today when the Italian International Lawn Tennis Championships opened here today. He beat Manuel Buaykela (Spain) by 6-1 and 6-0.

Sidwell is seeded No. 3 behind Jaroslav Drobný, the self-exiled Czech, and Billy Talbot, of the United States.—Reuter.

WIGHTMAN CUP TEAM PICKED

New York, April 16. Louis Brough, Mrs. Margaret Du Pont, Doris Hart and Mrs. Patricia Todd have been selected as the American team to defend the Wightman Cup at Wimbledon on June 16 and 17, the Wightman Cup Committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association announced today.—Associated Press.

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HONG KONG XI



The Hong Kong Soccer XI which lost to the Koreans by six goals to three at Happy Valley on Saturday, together with Mr. W. Gaffney (holding ball), who acted as referee, and Messrs. J. F. Ennis, A. E. P. Guest and C. K. Woo.—("China Mail" Photo).

U.S. major league baseball season starting today

New York, April 16.

The 1950 major league baseball season opens on Tuesday, and if pre-season dope is right, the New York and Brooklyn clubs are going to have their hands full defending their 1949 laurels.

All of which, according to the baseball bigwigs, adds up to one of the most exciting, most productive and most attended campaigns of them all.

It takes a real optimist to visualise a pair of pennant races as close as those of last year when the Yankees and Dodgers did not win until the final day. However, in contrast to the two-team struggles of 1949, at least eight clubs—four in each league—are given better than an outside chance of winning the championship.

Brooklyn remains the favourite to repeat in the National League, but St. Louis, Boston and Philadelphia have plenty of backers. Over in the American, the world champion Yankees rate no better than second choice in the wagering to the Boston Red Sox, with Detroit and Cleveland also well liked. Some are even so bold as to predict a flag for 37-year-old Connie Mack and his Philadelphia Athletics.

Fan interest for this jubilee year of baseball—the National League starts its 75th season and the American its 50th—may reach a new peak with the overall attendance perhaps bettering the 1948 record total of over 20,000,000.

CRACK DRIVER REPEATS WIN

San Remo, April 16. Juan Manuel Fangio, the crack Argentine driver, today won the San Remo Grand Prix for the second year in succession.

Driving an Italian Alfa Romeo, he completed the 60 laps of the two-mile circuit in 3 hours 10 minutes 8.2 seconds.

Heavy rains made the course slippery and treacherous, causing havoc to engines. Only six of the 20 starters were placed and among those forced to retire was Prince Bira, the runner-up last year.

Second place went to Count Luigi Villorosi, of Italy, driving a Ferrari. His time was 3 hours 11 minutes 9.2/5 seconds. Villorosi had the fastest lap time.

Another Argentine driver, J. P. J. Maserati, was third.

This was Fangio's second major success of the season as he won the Grand Prix of Pau in France last week, driving a Maserati.

Despite the conditions a huge crowd watched the race.—Reuter.

DEMARET WINS AGAIN

Atlanta, Georgia, April 16. Stroke-hounding Jimmy Demaret put a US\$2,000 star in his week-old Masters crown today by winning the \$10,000 North Fulton Open by 10 strokes under par 66 for a 270 tournament total.

Finlay Jim, wearing pink trousers, took charge of the field yesterday with a course record of 64: he rode home today with an equally hot round, shot, noted out seven strokes to the lead. Demaret had a four-under par 67 for a tournament total of 271.

Demaret will have the third money holder, after the August Masters crown a money-making total of \$12,216.10 for the season.

His prize for the week-end was \$1,000 for the best shot in the first round. For the Masters, he had \$2,000 and the \$10,000 North Fulton Open.

Scotland may take the Road to Rio

Glasgow, April 16.

Scotland may after all send their soccer team to Brazil for the World Cup finals this summer, despite their defeat by England yesterday, which lost them the British Championship.

The Scottish Football Association had stated that they would make the trip only as the British Champions. Now the Scottish F.A. Executive Committee, which has a meeting on Wednesday, is to consider a special invitation from the Brazil Football Association received before yesterday's match at Hampden Park.

This urged Scotland to contest the World Cup finals whether she was beaten by England or not.

It is understood that some of the Committee, including Mr. John Lamb, the Scottish F.A. President, favour sending a Scottish team, for the majority of Scottish football followers seem to feel that their country should be represented in the finals.—Reuter.

BELGIUM BEAT HOLLAND IN SOCCER MATCH

Antwerp, April 16.

Belgium beat Holland by 2-0 in their annual soccer Derby at Antwerp today. The score at half time was 0-0.

Belgium's goals came through the centre forward, Mermans, in the third minute of the second half and by the inside left, Albert de Hert, in the 23rd minute of the second half.

Mermans' goal was a beautiful shot, crashed in from about 30 yards. He was being harassed by several Dutch players.

De Hert netted from close in after he received a pass from Mermans.

Man of the match was the Dutch goalkeeper, Knaak, who saved his team time and again and kept the score down. The Belgian win was well merited as they were superior to the Dutch in almost every department.—Associated Press.

CYPRUS SOCCER

Nicosia, Cyprus, April 16. A Hellenic Air Force soccer team today beat Nicosia's champion side, Apoll, by five goals to one. More than 7,000 spectators watched the match at the Nicosia Stadium.

The visiting team, which arrived in Cyprus last week, had won three matches during the week against district champion teams. They will leave for Athens tomorrow.—Reuter.

LONDON BEAT PARIS

London beat Paris by eight points to three in the annual inter-city Rugby Union match played today at the Jean Bouin Stadium. London led 8-0 at half-time.

It was the 20th match of the series. London has now won 11, Paris 6, with one game drawn.—Reuter.

Swissmen April 16. The Belgian cyclist, Rik van Steenbergen, today won the 80th annual Paris-Brussels cycle race, beating the Frenchman, Jean Van den Broeck, by 10 minutes.

Their first object is to put the club on a firm financial basis and

Squabble over site for Olympic games

Melbourne, April 17.

Preparations for the 1956 Olympic Games are proceeding with considerable bickering among Melbourne civic and sporting groups which reached a climax in selection of a site.

The Australian Olympic Organising Committee chose the Melbourne Cricket Ground, but only after bitter disputes which prompted such newspaper headlines as "Melbourne May Lose Games."

Opposing interests fought between the Royal Agricultural Society's Showground, the cricket grounds and the Olympic Park.

Sir Harold Huxton, former Lord Mayor of Melbourne and one of two Australian members on the International Olympic Committee, will discuss progress of Melbourne's preparations with the 70-member IOC in Copenhagen in May.

Newspapers recalled, in the heat of the games site dispute, that the Olympic body in 1908 switched the event from Rome to London.

"After all, we got the Games only by the skin of our teeth (one vote). No doubt it would be easy enough to start agitation to have the whole matter reopened if we proved ourselves so small minded that we couldn't even agree among ourselves," remarked the "Melbourne Argus" columnist, Clive Turnbull.

Though the organising committee has given its verdict in favour of the Melbourne Cricket Ground, the latter's trustees foresee difficulties in meeting conditions imposed:

1. To make the arena comply with Olympic requirements.
2. To have the Government guarantee finance.

Option open

The organising committee has left itself a last-minute option for the Showground in case the MCG trustees fail to meet these conditions.

Sir Frank Beaurepaire, chairman of the organising committee and onetime Olympic swimmer, opposed the MCG site. He said it would be ridiculous to have the cricket ground as the main games stadium.

The cost factor is believed to have influenced the committee's final choice for the MCG.

An Australian Gallup Poll conducted in the state of Victoria showed 42 per cent in favour of the MCG, compared to 24 per cent for the Showground and only 11 per cent for the Olympic Park.

When a sub-committee recommended the Showground site athletic organisations threatened to boycott the Games. Chairman W. Owen of the Victorian Olympic Council said amateur sporting organisations would rather forsake the Games than see them "used as a blind to benefit political and business groups which had no interest in amateur sports."

Dignity needed

Vice-President Brian Lewis of the Royal Victorian Institute of Architects—which agreed to hasten work on any site selected—said use of the MCG for the

Games would strengthen its tradition as a site for sporting events.

"Dignity is what we must give the setting for the Games," he said. He pointed out the MCG is close to Government House (residence of the State Governor) and the War Memorial Shrine. It is flanked by the sweep of the Yarra River and the boulevards, the Botanic Gardens and Melbourne's fashionable thoroughfare, St. Kilda Road. Mr. Lewis claimed the MCG is thus ideally situated.

The grounds are within walking distance of the city and are served by electric trains and roads. MCG officials promised to build a new grandstand for 60,000 to increase present seating capacity to more than 100,000. This, with a sliding room, will raise the total capacity to around 140,000 people.

Much thought went into planning the Showground site. The huge area, with the adjoining Flemington racecourse—has trails, a premier racetrack—has certain existing advantages, in buildings, catering facilities and trained staff, as well as ample land for an additional arena.

Very best

Most of the opposition to the Showground for the Games came from the feeling that the Royal Agricultural Society would cash in on vast improvements and that sheep and cows, not athletes, would reap the subsequent benefit.

For visitors to the Games, Melbourne has to be dressed in its very best and to have an uncluttered road from the city to the place of the Games would be like having a fine new dress with a bedraggled hem," said the "Melbourne Argus" pointing out another Showground failing.

Meanwhile, if the organising committee fell back on the Showground for the Games, sponsors of this site claim it can rival in all, and exceed in most aspects, anything yet attempted in the modern Olympic era. The main Olympic arena would be the highest spot for many miles around and dominate surrounding country. It would also have more available parking space, they say.

Showground backers also contend MCG would become a quagmire of a cloudburst and that it is too big—that onlookers in the stands would be too distant from contestants.—United Press.

BILLIARDS

The following is last night's billiard result—South China Athletic Association (4) beat Hong Kong Police Reserve (1).

Wembley stadium may have rival

London, April 16.

Wembley Stadium, London's showpiece of soccer, may be seriously rivalled if a scheme to reconstruct the present Crystal Palace football ground at Selhurst Park, South East London, materialises.

Plans involve the expenditure of nearly £500,000 to make this well-situated ground the biggest in England, with a capacity of 120,000, more than Wembley, which takes just under 100,000.

Banked on all four sides by roads, Crystal Palace has the advantage of a vast crowd quickly clearing and there is little doubt that if the project goes through many representative games will be staged there.

Provisional plans, which have yet to be approved by the Croydon Council, cater for double-decker stands on three sides of the ground. The present stand would be pulled down and open terraces substituted to enable the sun and air to get to the pitch and ensure good turf.

Belhurst Park has always been the object of much speculation by sportsmen each bought 1,000 shares in the Crystal Palace Football Club. Their first object is to put the club on a firm financial basis and

Under the leadership of the former Arsenal player, Ronnie Rooke, now the player-manager, Palace are safely ensconced in the top half of the Third Division Southern table.

The chairman of the Board of Directors, adopts the view that once the club is in the First Division, support will come and there will be no difficulty in maintaining large attendances to warrant the expenditure.—Reuter.

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